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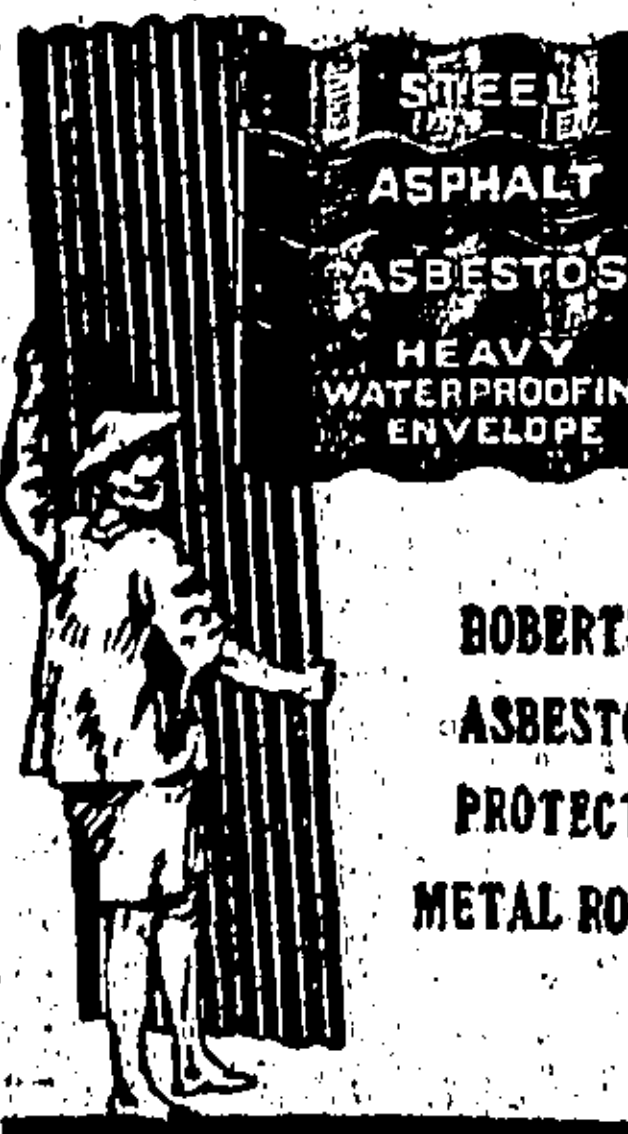
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CANTON CHANGE?

PERSISTENT RUMOURS IN HONGKONG.

POLITICAL FEATURES.

From a very reliable source, the "China Mail" gathers that there has been a change of great political significance in the Canton political situation. The speaker, however, qualifies his statement by saying that in the absence of confirmation—due to the suspension of communications—he does not place full reliance on the rumour.

The rumour is that General Chang Kai-shek (who is variously described as the Commander-in-Chief, the Cadet leader, etc. and who is the strongest military commander in fact) has relinquished his office. This, it is taken to mean, hints that he is not now connected with the Government.

It is also said that General Li Chai-sum (who commands one of the armies, and whose forces are on the West River) has been appointed in his place as Commander-in-Chief. The Canton Navy is also mentioned in connection with the rumour.

In view of the foregoing, the "China Mail" must ask readers to accept the statement with great reserve.

While attempting to obtain confirmation, it was learned from other sources that developments of the nature indicated would not come as a surprise. Another rumour—also unconfirmed—was that General Chang Kai-shek may have passed through Hongkong.

The departure last week of certain leaders from Canton, for the North, is construed by some as being, possibly, connected with the events now rumoured.

A personal sketch of General Chang is reproduced on page 2 today.

STUDENT HERETICS.

DOCTRINES OF CONFUCIUS IGNORED.

WELL DESERVED REBUKE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, March 10.
Considerable interest attaches to a circular telegram issued in which Chang Chih-chiang criticises the students who have flouted "the doctrines of Confucius and ignored their family traditions by advocating a social state not requiring moral relations between men and women."

"Free Love."

Writing in the "Daily Mail" Sir Percival Phillips says:
Russian agitators in Great Britain carefully camouflage certain of their principles, particularly those concerning the abolition of God and the establishment of "free love." Here in China they are less afraid of public sentiment. Chinese Bolsheviks, educated in the Moscow school of Communism have openly embraced "free love." A characteristic announcement taken from the Mingkuopao newspaper lies before me. It states:

1. We, Yang Tze-hua and Sung Chien-loong, beg to announce that from November 18, 1924, we have dissolved our mutual love.

2. We, Jui Tsui-fah and Yang Tze-hua, beg to announce further that from November 18, we have formally united in the bond of free love.

3. We, Sung Chien-loong and Jui Tsui-fah, beg to announce still further that from November 18, we have formally agreed to mutual friendship.

In other words, Miss Yang Tze-hua, a notorious woman Bolshevik who was very active under Russian auspices during the Shanghai riots last May, officially discards one lover, Sung Chien-loong, and accepts another, Jui Tsui-fah and the men declare that there is no ill-feeling between them. This is an example of Russian principles put into effect. Others can be given. The same influence has been shown in education. Chou Tsui-shou, a violent supporter of the Russian Soviet, while Commissioner of Education in this province, abolished the moral precepts which were displayed on the walls of schools, rooms and substituted a Sovietised version which declared: "Of all the vices in the world, ill-feeling is the worst, and stands highest."

\$37,600 CLAIM.

ALLEGED TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES.

BROKERS AND BANK.

Moxon and Taylor were the plaintiffs and the Man Chuen Bank, the defendants, in a Supreme Court case this morning involving the sum of \$37,600.

Mr. Eldon Potter represented Moxon and Taylor and Mr. F. C. Jenkins, the Man Chuen Bank.

The claim was for money alleged to have been lent and the defence consisted of a denial of the alleged loan.

Mr. Potter said that it was the submission of the plaintiffs that when the relevant facts were disclosed it would be seen that the case was one in which an undisclosed principal was being sued for a debt incurred.

On the morning of June 6, the plaintiffs claimed, the manager of the defendant bank—a Mr. Sang—met an authorised clerk of Lammer Bros.—a Mr. Chan—in Ice House Street. Mr. Sang asked Mr. Chan if he could dispose of 200 shares for him at \$190, the nominal quotation for the day. When Mr. Chan replied that there were no buyers, the bank manager said that it was necessary for the bank to get money and asked Mr. Chan to get a loan on the security of the shares.

Mr. H. A. Lammer was standing close by the two at the time, further stated Mr. Potter, and his clerk approached him on the matter. Mr. Lammer replied that he was not in a position to raise a loan at such short notice and Mr. Chan told Mr. Sang so. Noticing Mr. Nissim standing at the door of Moxon and Taylor, Mr. Chan went to him and asked him if Moxon and Taylor could put through the loan.

Mr. Nissim went into the office and later informed Mr. Chan that Moxon and Taylor would advance \$188 per share and would require to be paid \$192 1/2 at the July settlement. This, Mr. Chan told Mr. Sang, remarking that he thought the interest high. Mr. Sang said that it was necessary that he should have the money and agreed to the terms.

Later, Mr. Sang gave Chan the delivery order for the shares which were deposited with the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and Mr. Nissim gave Chan a cheque for the amount to be lent. It was made out in the name of Messrs. Lammer and Co., which was a common practice in cases of this sort, the name of the Chinese clients not having been disclosed to Moxon and Taylor.

His Lordship: Was the cheque endorsed by Moxon and Taylor? Mr. Potter: No, they entered it up in their books and gave the cheque to Mr. Chan for the defendants.

Subsequently, documents passed between Messrs. Moxon and Taylor on the one hand and Lammer Bros. and defendants on the other, these being the usual documents passing in case of a loan of this nature. One of the usual ways in which agreement to repay is evidenced is by purchase notes and by purchase notes Moxon and Taylor informed Lammer Bros. that they had paid on their behalf at the agreed rate for the shares and that, on that date Lammer Bros. must pay back also at the increased rate agreed upon. Similar documents passed between Lammer Bros. and the defendant bank.

Mr. Potter submitted that the position emerged clearly that Lammer Bros. were authorised by the bank to raise the loan and that they procured it from Moxon and Taylor. With regard to the authority of Mr. Sang to arrange for a loan, Mr. Potter referred to an affidavit by Mr. Sang in which, although it denied this particular transaction, admitted by referring to another transaction that he had authority about this time to raise a loan on the 200 share shares from some one.

A Chinese boy riding a cycle went under a motor car entering Landale Street yesterday. He was pulled out and sent to the Government Civil Hospital with a fractured leg. A Chinese pedestrian received a wound in the head in another accident at Wing Lok Street. He was also sent to the Hospital.

TO-DAY'S JOLLAR.

The following story of the jollars for the day was told by a jollars.

CYCLE MISHAP.

POLICE SERGEANT IN HOSPITAL.

SEVERAL RIBS BROKEN.

Sergeant W. Simpson, the Police football player, is progressing favourably at the Kowloon Hospital where he was taken after an accident while driving his motor cycle in the New Territories on Monday. Several ribs were found to have been broken.

The accident occurred while the cycle was rounding a stationary bus. A woman walking on the side of the road with a pole on which were suspended two baskets turned round and in doing so the front wheel struck one basket and then the other. She was thrown to the ground. The officer was struck on the side of his body by some object which is believed to be the sharp end of the pole.

Sergeant Russell was riding on the pillion seat of the cycle, while Mrs. Russell and child were seated in the side car. They were not injured. Prompt attention was given to the injured officer by bandaging his wound before he was sent to Hospital. The woman in the meantime picked herself up and was seen to be getting away through a paddy field. The pole which would have thrown some light in the mystery was also taken away by the woman.

STOLEN GLASSES.

RACECOURSE THIEVES CONVICTED.

PROPERTY RESTORED.

The case in which two Chinese were charged with the theft of a pair of binoculars from a clerk who was intently watching the races from the Japanese stand on Wednesday was concluded at the Central Magistracy this morning when Major C. Willson convicted both the defendants.

At yesterday's hearing, a Chinese informer in the case gave evidence as a witness. This morning he was also charged with the lesser offence of receiving stolen property. Evidence, however, was not sufficient for a conviction and he was discharged.

The smaller one of the two defendants was identified as an old offender and he was sentenced to nine months' hard labour. The other was given six months' hard labour.

The owner of the glasses had his property restored to him.

NOT A THREAT.

SEQUEL TO AN INDIAN ASSEMBLY SCENE.

PRESIDENT EXPLAINS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Delhi, March 9.

The tension in which the Assembly sitting was closed yesterday partly owing to the suddenness of the announcement of the adjournment made by the President, Mr. Patel, and partly owing to his remarks after the adjournment, was relieved at today's resumption.

Mr. Patel expressed regret at using language which could be construed as a threat. He explained that what he intended to emphasise was that the Government should not take advantage of the numerical weakness of the people's representatives to bring forward highly controversial measures, except such as were essential for carrying on the administration.

The statement was greeted with cheers from all parts of the House.

Sir Alexander, Muddiman, said that he left the Assembly yesterday suffering from severe depression, but Mr. Patel's remarks had done much to dispel it.

The Assembly then proceeded with the discussion of the demands for grants.

L. 33.

TO BE PUT RIGHT IN FEW DAYS.

AN ENQUIRY.

The L. 33, which was involved in a collision with the Tai O ferry boat yesterday is undergoing repairs and it is expected that these will be completed in a few days' time, when the arrangement, as at present made, is that the submarine will continue its voyage southward.

The naval authorities will hold an enquiry into the circumstances of the collision but whether or not the harbour authorities will also hold one it is not known at the present. The ferry boat involved in the collision comes under the jurisdiction of the marine court.

CUT OFF.

PEKING AND TIENTSIN'S PLIGHT.

RAILWAYS INTERRUPTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, March 9.

Peking and Tientsin are practically isolated. The railways are interrupted.

The forts at Taku are firing indiscriminately on all craft attempting to navigate the river Peiho.

An American cruiser is at present at Taku, and His Majesty's sloop Foxglove is leaving Tientsin for Taku.

Entrance Mined.

Tientsin, March 9.

The Kuominchun has mined the entrance to Peiho, and put out all the Customs lights, and Tientsin is now completely cut off from the sea.

R.M.S. "Foxglove" is standing by here.

Coming Battles.

Peking, March 10.

A communiqué reports that the Kuominchun troops have passed Hsingchi en route to Tangchow, where heavy fighting is expected.

It is reported from Mukden that Chang Tso-lin has appointed General Li Chan-chin (commanding the Chinese Eastern Railway guards) as Civil Governor of Fengtien vice Wang Yun-chiang, to whom Marshal Chang has given permission to nurse his health as long as he likes.

Wang Yun-chiang has issued a circular telegram roundly abusing Chang Tso-lin.

A HARD NUT!

BARCELONA LAWYER JIBS AT BILLET.

APPOINTMENT COMPULSORY.

(Reuter's Service.)

Madrid, March 9.

It is officially announced that the President of the Barcelona Bar who was recently appointed by the Government to that post, called to see the Prime Minister and the Minister of Justice and informed them that he declined to accept the appointment on account of his political connections.

He was told that the appointment was compulsory and that the Barcelona Bar must obey orders.

The official announcement adds that the Government is determined to issue a decree that all refusing to serve Spain shall lose their rights of citizenship, also the right to follow their profession, and shall have their property confiscated.

COBHAM'S FLIGHT.

MEDITERRANEAN TRIP COMMENCED.

MESSAGE TO SHIPS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Cairo, March 8.

Mr. Alan Cobham, the British airman, has arrived at Sallum. A message has been sent broadcast to ships in the Mediterranean to keep an outlook when he leaves for Athens tomorrow.

"DURBAN'S" FIND.

VESSEL WHICH WAS TAKEN TO BIAS BAY.

NO TRACE OF PIRATES.

From further information received as a result of the arrival of H.M.S. "Durban" in Hongkong, it appears that efforts to trace the ship which passed Waglan without making signals were fruitless.

Between Shanhai and Swatow, however, the small s.s. "Tat Yau," of 200 tonnage, was found returning to Shanhai, the captain making a statement to the "Durban" which stopped her, that she had been pirated on Saturday when running between Shanhai and Swatow, and taken to Bias Bay from which she had been allowed to return.

There is reason to believe that the story as told by the captain of this vessel is correct but no trace was found of the pirates, although the "Durban" cruised up and down the coast for a day or two.

ARTIFICIAL SILK.

NEW BRITISH INDUSTRY WELCOMED.

EMPIRE MATERIAL.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 9.

The "Times" to-day devotes a special supplement to artificial silk. The supplement opens with a leading article in which this new industry is welcomed as likely to prove of the utmost importance to this country. It is pointed out that so far, at any rate, artificial silk has not displaced any of the older trades. That fact, continues the article, is very gratifying since with over one million persons unemployed and a steady increase in population year by year, the vital need of the country is not to change its industries, but to find additional occupations for its inhabitants.

Naturally the industry is already calling for the investment of a considerable amount of capital. More than thirty millions sterling is already invested in British artificial silk manufactures, including five millions invested last year.

Favourable Factor.

In one respect the artificial silk industry compares very favourably with the cotton and silk trades. These two older trades depend to a very marked degree on the sources of the raw material outside the British Empire, whilst the material for the manufacture of artificial silk abounds within.

The base of all artificial silk is cellulose in some form and the crowning advantage of the viscose process lies in the fact that, by this method, it is possible to utilise the form of cellulose produced in enormous quantities in the Empire under the name of sulphite pulp.

The most suitable wood for making sulphite is extremely plentiful in Eastern Canada, where important mills are devoting special attention to the production of sulphite of supreme purity and quality for conversion into artificial silk.

Production Expanding.

The figures given in the supplement show that, whilst in 1923 the British production of artificial silk was 24,000,000 lb. in weight the production for 1925 is estimated at 36,000,000 lb. and the output for 1927 and onward is calculated at 47,000,000 lb.

LONGER HOURS.

A BALLOT IN THE COTTON SPINNING INDUSTRY.

MASTERS' MOVE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 9.

The Master Cotton Spinners' Federation has decided that a ballot be taken in the American section to increase the working hours from 80 1/2 to 88 weekly from April 5. The Federation strongly recommended the increase.

Mother: "Were you good at the party?"

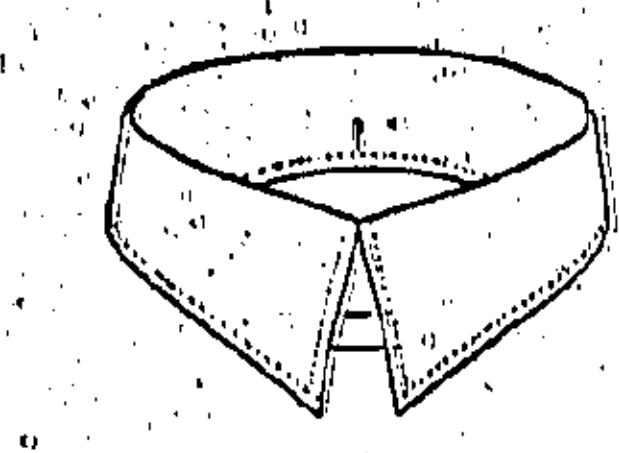
Six-Year-Old: "Yes."

Mother: "You didn't ask twice for anything at the table?"

Six-Year-Old: "No, I didn't. I asked once, and they didn't hear me, so I helped myself."

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ALLEGED FRAUD.

FURTHER EVIDENCE IN BANK CASE.

A BREEZY ARGUMENT.

The hearing of the case in which three Chinese, (the second of whom, Fok Chuen-yuen, formerly sub-manager of the Man Fat firm, disappeared whilst on bail) are charged with an alleged conspiracy to defraud the Wing On Company of \$50,000 was continued at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. R. E. Lind-gall.

Mr. E. C. Jenkin was, for the prosecution. The first defendant, Au Kim-lui, was represented by Mr. Elsiey Zetlyn (instructed by Mr. Leo d'Almada), and Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton defended the third.

Evidence of banking transactions in which moneys were paid into the Man Fat account, the signatories being Lai Im-to and C. F. Fok, was given by an assistant in the Yokohama Specie Bank and a cashier in the Bank of East Asia.

A printer of Pottinger Street gave evidence of making deposit books for the Wing On Company. Shown two deposit books, witness denied that two centre leaves in one of them were printed by him.

A lengthy argument ensued on the question of two of the defending solicitors visiting the printer, who Mr. Jenkin maintained was a witness in his case. The non-disclosure of the names of witnesses was a point which was again mentioned by the defence, and it was stated that if any of the witnesses for the prosecution had to be apprehended by the defence it was a matter which could not be helped. Further hearing was adjourned until Wednesday.

DIOCESAN BOYS.

NEW SCHOOL OPENED IN KOWLOON.

The summer term of the Diocesan Boys' School has commenced at the new buildings at Kowloon with nearly 300 boys present. The moving from the old building in Bonham Road occupied a week.

The new school stands just across the railway line behind Ho Mun Tin, in an open and very convenient locality. The buildings are commodious, and there are attached to the School playgrounds with an area of some ten acres.

PRIMA BALLERINA.

RUSSIAN ARTISTE FOR THE "STAR."

XENIA MAKLETZOVA.

Xenia Makletzova, who has been considered by critics to be the peer of Pavlova, is to appear at the "Star" Theatre, Kowloon, for two performances on March 13 and 14.

RABIES OUTBREAK.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT ON POSITION.

MERITS OF METHODS.

How the Government had given full consideration to the recent outbreak of rabies in the Colony was outlined by Mr. N. L. Smith, who presided at yesterday's meeting of the Sanitary Board.

There had been no case from May last year till December 9, since when there had been five cases (as reported in the "China Mail") in a small area in the centre of the town. Various steps were taken. Measures considered were muzzling (which could be enforced at any time), poisoning (not viewed with favour), compulsory inoculation, and shooting of strays at night (new in force).

Mr. Smith, Dr. W. V. M. Koch and Dr. S. W. Tso were appointed to consider the Sanitary estimates for 1927.

Others present in addition to those named were:—Mr. C. G. Alkubster, Dr. W. W. Pearce (Medical Officer of Health), the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy (Director of Public Works), the Hon. Mr. D. W. Tatham (Secretary for Chinese Affairs), Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Dr. A. G. M. Severn, and Mr. R. A. D. Forrest (secretary).

WORLD SURVEY.

TRANSPORT EXPERT PASSES THROUGH.

An interesting visitor passing through the Colony yesterday on the m.s. "Fulda" was Dr. William Teubert who is making a world survey of systems of traffic and transportation on behalf of the German Government.

The survey includes the taking of moving pictures of railroad and inland waterways and air and automobile transport. Dr. Teubert is now on his way back to Germany and will carry out observations in India and Egypt.

COLONY'S WATER.

There is considerably less water in supply at the reservoirs according to the month's returns, actual figures for Hongkong being 836.02 million gallons as compared with 1,114.11 on the same date last year (Kowloon figures are 154.16 million gallons as compared with 180.34 million gallons at this period last year).

The explanation is not far to seek. The total rainfall up to the end of last month was 2.62 inches as against 4.72 inches during the same period last year.

BOY PIANIST.

MASTER DANENBERG'S RECITAL.

A MUSICAL TREAT.

Accommodation at the City Hall was taxed to the utmost yesterday evening when Master Emil Danenberg, the eight-year old son of Professor Danenberg, gave his third annual pianoforte recital.

In a few numbers the young musician was assisted by his father, but the major part of the programme devolved on the boy who played through no fewer than twenty-two selections from memory without the least sign of nervousness or difficulty. Enthusiastic applause greeted each item as the performer rose to bow to the audience.

Mrs. Balean rendered a violin solo and had to respond to an encore. She gave much delight to the listeners in both these numbers.

The programme was as under:—

- Part I.
- 1.—2 Pianos. Andante and Scherzetto. Chaminade.
 - 2.—(a) Solfegeetto. P. E. Bach.
 - (b) Fugue in C minor. J. S. Bach.
 - (c) Sonata in D (Allegro, Largo and Presto) Haydn.
 - (d) Ecossaises. Beethoven.
 - (e) Song without words in C minor. Mendelssohn.
 - (f) Turkish March (Rondo alla Turca). Mozart.
 - 3.—(a) Butterfly. Grieg.
 - (b) Autumn. Tchaikovsky.
 - (c) Rustle of Spring. Sinding.
 - (d) Minute Valse. Chopin.
 - 4.—Violin Solo. Farfalla. Emile Sauret.
 - 5.—2 Pianos. Pas des Cymballes. Chaminade.

- Part II.
- 1.—(a) Sonatina. J. B. McEwen.
 - (1) Allegro con Moto.
 - (2) Andante Simplex.
 - (3) Scherzo.
 - (b) Fidelity. Schutt.
 - (c) Buffon. Schutt.
 - (d) Butterfly (Concert Study). Laidley.
 - 2.—(a) Girl with the Flaxen Hair. Debussy.
 - (b) Minstrels. Debussy.
 - (c) Music Box. Lisov.
 - 3.—(a) Perpetual Motion. Swinestead.
 - (b) To the Moon. Swinestead.
 - (c) Valse in B flat. Godard.
 - 4.—2 Pianos. Neapolitana (Tarantella). Lack.

Master Emil Danenberg and Prof. Danenberg.

THE MID LEVELS.

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF RESIDENTS.

The first annual general meeting of the Mid-Level Residents' Association, which was formed last July, consequent upon the strike, was held yesterday evening in the Ladies' Recreation Club, Peak Road, Mr. W. A. Dowley presiding.

The Acting-Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. S. C. Brooks) read the Committee's Report, and this together with the Statement of Accounts for year ended December 31, 1925, was adopted without discussion.

The following members of the Association were elected as Committee for the year ending December 31, 1926:—Messrs. W. G. Josephs, J. H. Backhouse, J. H. Brister, B. L. Frost, H. H. Pethick, E. S. C. Brooks, W. A. Dowley, S. Berg, C. P. Marcel and E. J. R. Mitchell. Mrs. Tracy and Mrs. J. G. Harman.

It was decided to leave the election of Chairman of the Committee until the Committee met. In view of the fact that there was now a balance in the bank of \$113, after six months' working, it was suggested that the fee for members should be reduced from the present sum of \$2 to \$1.

It was pointed out that the accounts were only from July to December and that there were still bills for advertising, printing, etc. to be met to an approximate extent of about \$80.

In view of this it was decided to allow the present fee of \$2 to stand for this year, and that at the next annual meeting it was found there was a good balance in the bank the question of a reduction should then be considered.

COLONY'S HEALTH.

Notifiable diseases reported last week comprised:—Scarlet fever, one case (imported); Diphtheria, one case, one death; Enteric fever, two cases, four deaths. (All patients were Chinese.) On Monday 9 Chinese cases of infectious spinal fever were notified.

SAHARA SECRETS.

BEJEWELLED QUEEN FOUND.

VERY OLD ROYAL TOMB.

Wonderfully interesting discoveries have been made in the Sahara Desert, where a royal tomb, said to be thousands of years old, has been brought to view. It contained the body of a queen, who was decked in jewels and gold and silver bracelets, the sarcophagus being surrounded by beautifully carved wooden furniture.

Professor Parsons, of London University, says that England was first inhabited 20,000 years ago, when there was no English Channel and the Thames was a tributary of the Rhine.

Count Byron de Procor, director of the American excavations on the site of Carthage (which was destroyed by the Romans under Scipio), claims to have discovered under the desert sand, near Tamarasset (in the Hoggar region of the Sahara), a great tomb, several thousand years old, containing the body of Queen Tinhanan, says a message received by the Paris correspondent of "The Times" from Algiers.

The body is wonderfully preserved, wears a gold, bejewelled diadem, five precious stone necklaces, and 19 gold and silver bracelets. The sarcophagus was surrounded by pieces of wonderfully carved wood furniture, all undamaged. A large number of other articles, filling 46 cases, was found, including many precious stones and other treasures.

It is stated that the tomb resembles one at Elida (near Algiers), believed to have been the burial-place of a member of the ancient dynasty of Numidia, perhaps Juba the Second (the Numidian King who was brought to Rome by Julius Caesar and became noted as a writer).

NOTICES.

HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company, Limited, will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th day of March, 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1925, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 24th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
S. COURTNEY COOK,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 9, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE following is the Provisional List of dates upon which Extra Meetings will be held this Season:—
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"DEVANHA"	8,135	17th April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,141	21st April	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MADEIRA"	12,089	1st May	Marseilles and London
"KASHGAR"	8,005	15th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	29th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KBYBER"	8,114	18th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	10,942	18th June	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DELTA"	8,097	18th July	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"KARMALA"	8,135	10th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	8,988	7th Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MADEIRA"	12,089	31st Aug.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,141	4th Sept.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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"KALYAN"	9,144	16th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"DEVANHA"	8,135	20th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"DELTA"	8,097	29th Mar.	Shanghai and Kobe
"JAPAN"	10,000	2nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"TALWA"	10,000	2nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
"MADEIRA"	12,089	2nd April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"PERIM"	7,841	5th April	Shanghai & Kobe
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	10th April	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"KASHGAR"	8,005	18th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KBYBER"	8,114	20th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TALWA"	6,988	22nd May	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"MALWA"	10,941	14th May	Shanghai.
"MANTUA"	10,942	23rd May	Rangoon, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	8,135	11th June	Shanghai and Kobe
"DELTA"	8,097	18th June	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"ARAFURA"	6,000	18th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHMIR"	8,988	15th July	Shanghai only
"RAJAPURA"	10,941	22nd July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MADEIRA"	12,089	22nd July	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KALYAN"	9,144	8th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.

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Captain T. Johnstone, from leave, has gone master, "Yunnan."
Captain W. Lumsden, of the "Chengtu," has signed off.
Captain G. F. McAdam, from reserve, has gone master, "Chengtu."
Captain W. Shane, of the "Wenchow," has signed off.
Captain T. W. Pickard, from leave, has gone master, "Wenchow."

Captain A. Summerfield, of the "Ichang," is on home leave.
Captain P. J. Green, from home leave, has gone master, "Ichang."
Captain P. R. Purslow, from leave, has gone master, "Chenan."
Captain R. Mitchell, of the "Chenan," is on reserve.
Mr. L. M. Burdett has been appointed second officer, "Chenan."
Captain J. S. de Wolf, of the "Huichow," has gone master, "Kueichow."
Mr. A. H. Mills, second officer, "Huichow," has gone second officer, "Soochow."

Mr. R. Atkinson, third officer, "Kaying," is on leave.
Captain R. T. Stephens, of the "Kingyuan," has gone master, "Kwangtung."

Mr. J. Garance, chief engineer, "Fochow," has gone chief engineer, "Chekiang."

Mr. J. H. Cameron, from home leave, has gone chief engineer, "Fochow."

Mr. H. S. Allison, from leave, has gone chief officer, "Tuckwo."
Mr. W. J. Young, acting chief officer, "Tuckwo," has gone second officer, same ship.

Mr. H. R. Dobson, from home leave, has gone supply chief officer, "Klawo."
Mr. E. V. Bishop, from home leave, has gone supply chief officer, "Changwo."

Captain W. Field-Hook, from home leave, has gone master, "Fochow."
Captain R. W. Bateman, from home leave, has gone master, "Suifu."

Captain J. M. Jackson, of the "Suifu," is on home leave.
Mr. R. H. Watt, supply third engineer, "Suifu," has gone third engineer, same ship.

Mr. C. E. Compton, third engineer, "Suifu," is on reserve.
Mr. G. Porterfield, from home leave, has gone supply second engineer, "Tuckwo."

Mr. F. F. Clark, second engineer, "Tuckwo," is on reserve.
Mr. T. M. Roberts, third engineer, "Pingwo," has resigned.
Mr. E. McNab, from reserve, has gone third engineer, "Pingwo."

Mr. J. C. Smith, of the "Pong-tong," has gone second officer, "Apoye."
Mr. W. Lee, second officer, "Apoye," is on leave.

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The B. I. s.s. "Tahma" left Amoy for this port yesterday at p.m. and is due here to-day at p.m.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" is due at Hongkong tomorrow.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on March 6 and is due here on March 25.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND PASSENGERS.

VESSELS DUE.

FROM AMOY.
Mar. 12.—J.C.J.L. Tjibodas

FROM SHANGHAI.
Mar. 11.—O.P.S. Empress of Canada
12.—N.Y.K. Kamo Maru
13.—N.Y.K. Mito Maru
14.—N.Y.K. Tanaka Maru
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FROM SINGAPORE.
Mar. 12.—L.C.S.N. Fooksang
13.—B.F. Hong Hwa
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"PEACE AND ORDER"

It is always interesting, if not
sometimes exactly refreshing, to
obtain a fresh view of the position
in Canton. This is provided in
the course of a pen picture of Gen-
eral Chiang Che-sak contributed
to a Shanghai contemporary by a
Chinese, who incidentally takes up
a deal of space with an "essay"
on the situation in Canton. He
makes a rather forced effort to
warn up to his subject; he ap-
pears to aim at reaching the
summit of eloquence but falls very
flat at the first hillock. Thus,
after reviewing Canton's military
campaigns, he expresses the opin-
ion that these "rapid-fire
victories" have given Canton
"such a thorough house cleaning
that she is now having some sem-
blance of peace and order".

The reader of this sketch of the
situation is constrained to pause.
A "semblance of peace and
order!" If the position in Canton
to-day is worthy of being called
"a semblance of peace and order,"

then all that can be said is Heaven
help Canton. It is a curious type
of "peace and order" that goes
hand in hand with illegalities by
strike and boycott pickets, that
permits the Guilds to rule the
Government, that allows sacred
Treaties to be literally torn to
pieces, and that countenances
outrages against foreigners. Surely
the writer of the article
possesses quaint ideas of what
really constitutes "law and order".
Or, was he speaking with his
tongue in his cheek or simply play-
ing to the gallery of the "con-
stituents" of the particular news-
paper to which he was contributing?
That he has got hopelessly
fogged in his ideas is discernible
when he subsequently re-
marks that "there is no
doubt there has been great
unwisdom in some of Can-
ton's policies, but she has been as
good as her word." In which
case it must be admitted that her
word has not been good at all.

Less hopelessly mixed is the
writer of the article in question
when he comes to the "Red"
stigma, although he is rather mild
in his declaration that "Canton is
unfortunate to have admitted
Russian participation." The pres-
ence of a Red agent, he says, is
difficult to explain. "It discounts
much of her achievement, and
what is worse, gives an impres-
sion to the world at large that she

is merely an instrument as such
to the propaganda of an anom-
alous faith." His phraseology is
inclined to be crude, but his mean-
ing can be guessed; particularly
when he asserts, in effect, that if
Canton has laid herself open to
the reproach of Bolshevik sym-
pathy she has only herself to
blame.

Unfortunately for the logic of
his arguments, "Russian partici-
pation" and "law and order" are
not hand-maidens. They are as
opposite as the poles. On what
possible basis, therefore, can he
lay his eulogy of Canton for hav-
ing indulged in "such a thorough
house-cleaning, that she is now
having some semblance of peace
and order"? His logic is as
weak as his effort to whitewash
Canton is puerile.

A CHRISTIAN GENERAL

If nothing succeeds like success,
the Salvation Army must be con-
sidered one of the successes of the
age. The time does not seem far
distant when it was an object of
scorn and derision; when its meet-
ings were subject to hooligan in-
terruption and its members to
personal violence. It was some-
thing new in the religious world,
and sympathy was probably not
gained by the methods the Army
adopted. And yet it was original
—very much so; especially in its
songs or hymns. If it had no
tunes of its own, it got them from
some source or another; and if it
had no poet to write its verse, it
collected them in the same hap-
azard way. In this way it
shocked the conservative, the
staidly respectable, and the
supposedly puritan. Mr. Pett
Ridge, in a recent book, asks us
seriously to believe that he once
heard an open-air Salvation Army
meeting-sing.

There may be flies on you and
me to-day, but there ain't no flies
on Jesus.

In this way it got "at" the
people in the language the people
could understand. This policy has
been maintained all through—the
direct method, and it may explain
the success which has attended
the Army's efforts, and which has
sent its officers of both sexes to
all parts of the world. "Darkest
London" was coined by the first
General Booth, and it seems as if
the second is to give us London
as "a heathen city." That one
man's birthday should cause the
King and his Indian Viceroy to
send tributes, is significant of
much. Christianity has this to its
credit—that it has not stopped at
talk, but that exposition of the
Christian virtues has followed in
the work of amelioration of the
unfortunate. True religion and
undefiled, a great Saint reminded
his hearers, or readers, is to visit
the fatherless and poor, and to
keep oneself unspotted from the
world. If this be accepted, it will
be generally agreed that the
Salvation Army is peculiarly pure
in its religion, and that the pay-
ing of tributes by the highest in
the land to its head can be under-
stood.

In a coolie fight at Kennedy Town
yesterday, two of the participants
were wounded in the head and are
now at the Government Civil
Hospital.

AND NOW TO DANCE.

THE HOW, WHEN AND WHERE

Too long has Hongkong had to
wait for the opportunity that is
being presented on Friday, March
19.

Without the slightest wish to
crab the large and formal Balls
that usually take place every year,
they still leave a blank. Good as
they are they suffer from the de-
fects of their good qualities, and
it takes too long to thaw out from
the prevailing stiffness and
formality. By the time the thaw
has set in, the dance is half over.
Then again they suffer from their
popularity, and the floor is too
crowded for the really keen
dancers.

The whole idea at the back of
this Masked Ball is that Masking
in itself does away with the stiff
formality, consequently the time
usually spent in thawing out can
be devoted to the serious business
of the evening which frankly, is
Pleasure.

That is the sole raison d'être
and if any there be who say it is
an ignoble thing to spend an even-
ing in the pursuit of such an
ephemeral thing as Pleasure, it is
only possible to reply—on the
analogy of the servant girl's reply
when rebuked on a certain occa-
sion—but it is only for one even-
ing. If there are still stern
moralists who continue to frown
on such dissipation in ultra-
respectable Hongkong, there is
nothing further to do but to re-
quest them to attend the Ball,
enjoy themselves and for one
night forget their moralisms.

Nothing will be wanting at the
Ball to cause everyone present to
forget their cares and woes, and it
is the hope of the promoters that
it will provide an evening long to
be remembered by those lucky
enough to be free that night to
turn up.

Now about this double band
about which something has
already been said. While it is
common enough elsewhere, here it
is a novelty. Nothing destroys
the charm of a good dance so
much as to have to wait for too
long an interval when it is over.
The glorious rhythm of the per-
fect dance cannot be recaptured,
when one has descended from that
world where Rhythm is king to
the common places of "May I get
you a sandwich?" or "Boy bring a
whisky and soda." The joy of
the perfect rhythm has to work
itself out gradually and not
abruptly, therefore at this Ball, to
avoid the pleasure-destroying
intervals, the moment one Band
stops the other will at once take
up its work. Some bright spirit
has suggested that with the two
bands present the promoters
should stage a Dance Marathon.
It is not possible to know whether
there are any in the Colony who
are addicted to this particular
form of madness, but when the
proposal was made it was very
promptly and severely dealt with
as being contrary to the whole
spirit of the evening, which is the
greatest good of the greatest
number.

There are dark rumours abroad
at the time of writing of the Fan-
king Hunt turning up in force, but
the nature of the quarry and
where the kill is to take place is
at present "wropt in mystery."
It is unfortunate—is it, by the
way, on second thoughts!—that
the "Hermes" is no longer with
us. If the lamp shade smashing
act, with all its subsequent com-
plications—which, rumour has it,
still continue—could be worked
up as a Sketch it would safely be
relied on to bring the House down
—or the management in.



Michael Romanoff, self-styled
"Prince Romanoff of Russia," was
locked up in the Tombs, New York,
charged with taking a \$250,000 agency
from a dealer and failing to pay for
it.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

March, 1926.

A Calendar. 8, Monday, William
Roscoe born, 1753.
9, Tuesday, William Cobbett
born, 1786.
10, Wed., Joseph Mazzini died,
1872.
11, Thurs., George Canning born,
1770.
12, Fri., Sir G. Cornwall Lewis
died, 1863.
13, Sat., George Jacob Holyoake
born, 1817.
14, Sun., W. G. C. Gladstone died,
1915.

If Joseph Mazzini could
come back again, one
wonders what he would
think of Mussolini and the
Fascists. He was one of the three
men whose work made it possible
for Italy to be a nation. The
other two, were Garibaldi and
Cavour. And it is less than sixty
years ago that Venice belonged to
Austria.

Mazzini was a dreamer, but he
dreamed a future for his country
which was one of the dreams that
came true, or partly true, for it
was a Republican Italy of which
Mazzini dreamed. For that he
spent so many years in exile.

In the short-lived Roman Re-
public of 1849 he was one of the
Triumvirs, and showed himself to
be a good administrator, until the
Republic collapsed under French
cannon. To the end of his days
he was a conspirator, but he had a
lofty spirit and a heart of gold.

The passing years are
Emil, adding to the obvious
Danenberg, by inherent talent of
young Emil Danenberg.
He is growing in physical stature
and he is growing in musical
stature. There is no mistaking
this fact. His programme last
night was as exacting as a pro-
gramme can possibly be. A glance
at the names of the composers
drawn on proves this, and it was

soon evident that expression is not
to be a secondary consideration,
sacrificed on the altar of technique.
Tchaikowsky's "Autumn" is a
simple piece, but its simplicity
falls and the picture is lost, unless
it is given expression. As Emil
played it, we had the sadness of
an autumn day pictured for us.
Whether the future is to produce
for us a great exultant, a great
teacher or a great composer, re-
mains to be seen. Emil gains the
interest and sympathy of Hongkong
not merely by the possession of
great gifts, but also by reason of
the fact that with it all, he is a
boy with the ordinary boy's love of
life.

One of the most
remarkable women
of her time, Mary
Elizabeth Haldane, mother of Lord
Haldane, died last May six weeks
after she had celebrated her 100th
birthday.

Her story of those hundred years,
supplemented by her daughter and
son, has now been published ("Mary
Elizabeth Haldane," Hodder and
Stoughton, 6s.).

Among the many eminent men
who enjoyed her friendship is Sir
James Barrie, and what he de-
scribes as "frankly a love letter,"
written to her by him when she was
99, is quoted:—

"You have a 'personality' if
ever anyone had. I see you
vividly knitting that shawl (to
which my compliments) and look-
ing the dearest person I have
seen for years and years. You
really do make the intruder into
that serene room feel more hope-
ful about the world.

Some of the loveliest lines in
English poetry are very like you.
It would not be bad to call you
an ode to immortality. Of
course, I am using strong lan-
guage, but this is frankly a love-
letter."

"I know a great deal more about
your son now. I know, for in-
stance, who is his 'spiritual
home.'"

NEEDS OF A NEW WORLD.

When David Livingstone, the
great missionary and explorer of
Africa, first penetrated into the
unknown depths of the Dark
Continent, he saw that there
were two main causes of the
sufferings and poverty of the
native inhabitants, the Arab
slave trade and the perpetual in-
tercine wars between vil-
lages and tribes. He attempted
to redress the one evil by in-
volving the intervention of the great
civilized powers, and the slave
trade before very long was to all
 intents and purposes rooted out.
He attempted to deal with the
second evil by preaching the
gospel of Christian peace and by
trying to point out to the tribes
the fatal effect upon themselves,
which these endless feuds and
conflicts inevitably involved.

He explained how raiding re-
duced the supply of cattle and
food in the district, how fighting
and burning villages destroyed
both the habit of industry and
the most able-bodied workers,
how shortsighted and wasteful
was the belief that the best way
to make a living was to steal or
raid, your neighbour's flocks or
fields. He explained no less how
much better it would be for
everybody if they composed their
ancient quarrels and forgot their
different racial prejudices, and learned
how to live at peace with one
another so that every man and
every village could sow and could
reap what had been sown. The
argument seemed very convincing to
us. But, though it had effect on
some, it did not convince the
tribes as a whole, who went on in
their old ways until intertribal
war was stopped by the annexa-
tion of their lands by various
European powers, which set up
therein administrations of vary-
ing degrees of efficiency and
benevolence.

Suppose that at the beginning
of this year 1926 another David
Livingstone, possessed of the
same insight and Christian spirit,
were to land upon our earth from
the neighbouring planet Mars,
what would he see and what would
he feel impelled to say? (asks the
"Christian Science Monitor.")
He might not see anything quite
like the Arab slave trade, though
he would see some other systems
of exploitation of man by man
not very much less brutal and out-
rageous in their effects. But he
would certainly be impressed by
the perpetual jealousies and
quarrels of the tribes, or nations
which inhabit the planet Earth,
and would certainly endeavour to
point out to its inhabitants how
fatal was the effect of these con-
stant feuds and conflicts upon
themselves.

He would explain how fatally
destructive and shortsighted
wars were, how they lowered pro-
ductive power and wasted wealth
as well as the best of the genera-
tion which fought the war. To
this he would probably get gen-
eral agreement to-day because the
memories of the World War are
still green, though as to whether
he would have got it in 1913, or
would get it in 1950, history at
least is not very clear. But in
any case he would have gone on
to set forth how essential it was
for the tribes and nations to for-
get their selfish concentration on
themselves, to mitigate their
ancient grudges and their racial
prides and prejudices, and to learn
how to live together in friend-
liness and peace. He would make
it plain that more wars and more
destruction would certainly over-
take them if they rejected his
advice, and would try to make
them see what prosperity and
happiness and what new and un-
suspected joys would dawn upon
them if they followed it.

To our Livingstone from Mars
the truth of what he said would
appear as obvious as the truth of
what the earthly Livingstone said
to the Africans. But would the
nations of to-day pay any more
practical attention to his advice
than did the Africans of yester-
day? They would give lip-
service, no doubt, for that is easy;
but would they abandon their self-
centredness, their jealousies,
their ambitions and their pride
sufficiently to unite in neighbourly
fashion to solve all their difficul-
ties by peaceful means, and from
the standpoint of the common
good of humanity?

Yet that is without the para-
mount need of the nations to-day,
as it was of the Africans when
Livingstone first went to them.
For what he said to them applies
equally to us. Unless we can
overcome our international fears
and hates, our envy and our
greed, and our indifference toward
other nations, we shall inevitably
sooner or later drift into another
and more destructive world war,
for such wars are the inescapable
outcome of precisely such qual-
ities of thought. And if we do
overcome them and find the
means of unity and practical
brotherhood among all mankind,
we shall find not alone peace and
prosperity, but a freedom and
inspiration which will lift human-
ity forward to a happiness it
cannot now understand. The
way forward is the manifesta-
tion of that natural loving-
kindness among men which the
possessions of the carnal mind seek
to destroy. Is 1926 going to open
the doorway which is one of
the main aims of Christianity to
bring about? The way at least is
clear.

AT GENEVA.

PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS.
ALL YESTERDAY.GERMANY'S APPLICATION.
(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 9.
To-day at Geneva was mainly devoted to private consultations between delegates and to Committee work on a number of subsidiary subjects.

Among the Committees which met was one appointed yesterday by the Assembly to deal with Germany's application for admission to the League. This body decided to postpone its activities for one or two days to permit of the continuance of private negotiations.

USUAL PROCEDURE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, March 9.
The Committee of the League Assembly reported on Germany's application for admission and suggested that a Sub-Committee be appointed to deal with the matter in accordance with the usual procedure.

The Committee approved of Sir Austen Chamberlain's suggestion that the Sub-Committee be composed of France, Italy, Japan, Belgium, Cuba, Norway, Jugoslavia, Bulgaria, Greece, and the Irish Free State, with a Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

The Sub-Committee, under the chairmanship of Sir Austen Chamberlain, subsequently met but adjourned until to-morrow pending the settlement of the question of the composition of the Council.

Going Smoothly.

London, March 9.
Reuter learns that Sir Austen Chamberlain is keeping the Government fully informed of the proceedings at Geneva.

According to his despatches, Sunday's meetings did much to remove German apprehension in regard to her position in the League.

It is denied that Germany's application for admission has been shelved. On the contrary the procedure for her admission is going on smoothly.

Spain's Claim.

Madrid, March 9.

In a statement to journalists emphasising Spain's claim to a permanent seat on the Council, Senor Yanguas, Minister for Foreign Affairs, alluded to the "intention" that had up to the present been shown by Germany and Sweden in opposing a further extension of permanent seats.

He said that an obvious reaction of opinion in favour of Spain had appeared at Geneva; and, apart from the previous reasons in support of Spain's claim, a weightier one had now arisen, namely, in the application of the Locarno and other pacts between ex-belligerent members of the Council interested parties will not be allowed a decisive voice, thus increasing the necessity for the presence of an impartial and influential element, and Spain is "the most important of the neutral Powers."

Senor Yanguas expressed the opinion that the present dark clouds were the prelude to real conciliation and well-organised peace within the League.

EMPIRE PRODUCE.

AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DOMINIONS.

MARKETING FACILITIES.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 9.
It is understood that an agreement is in a fair way of being reached between the Dominions Office and the Dominions as to the method of utilising a sum to be set apart for facilitating the marketing of and stimulating the demand for Empire produce.

At the last Imperial Conference in 1923 the Conservative Government then in power agreed to ask Parliament to vote an annual sum of one million pounds for a series of years for this purpose, but the Conservative Government went out of office as the result of the General Election at the end of that year, and nothing was done.

Mr. L. M. S. Amery, Dominions Secretary, has now been in communication with the Dominions representatives on the subject, and hopes to be able to make a definite statement in the House of Commons at an early date.

PEKING'S CABINET.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, March 9.
Four Ministers and five Vice-Ministers attended the Cabinet meeting this morning.

BRIAND BACK.

YIELDS TO PRESSURE FROM LEADERS.

PREMIERSHIP REGAINED.
(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, March 9.
There was an uninterrupted stream to the Elysee this morning when the Parliamentary leaders of all parties called to consult M. Doumergue. The latter's decision at noon was still uncertain, but it is believed to favour M. Briand.

A factor to be reckoned with, however, is M. Briand's aversion to resume office at the present juncture both because he physically needs rest and because he is politically disgusted at his overthrow on the eve of the meeting of the League of Nations at Geneva.

If M. Doumergue fails to overcome M. Briand's reluctance the crisis will be prolonged and more acute.

Herriot Declines.

Paris, later.

In accordance with the expectation that, for constitutional reasons, the President would summon statesmen other than the defeated Premier, M. Doumergue this afternoon offered the Premiership to M. Herriot, who recommended M. Briand. The latter was accordingly summoned to the Elysee.

Briand Accepts.

Paris, later.

M. Briand has accepted the Premiership.

Franc Improves.

London, March 9.

The French franc in London was quoted at 134 in the afternoon and improved to 132.65 immediately the news of M. Briand's acceptance was known.

Decision Justified.

Paris, later.

Though M. Briand has at present only accepted "in principle" and will announce his definite decision to-night, it is confidently asserted that he has already secured the necessary support; hence the personnel of the Cabinet may be expected to-morrow to enable him to go to Geneva immediately.

Interviewed on leaving the Elysee, M. Briand said that he told M. Doumergue that in view of the present situation he did not consider himself justified in refusing to try to form a Cabinet.

Majority Assured.

Paris, later.

It is not doubted that M. Briand will be able to present his new Cabinet to M. Doumergue by mid-day to-morrow, in which case M. Briand will leave for Geneva to-morrow evening or Thursday at the latest.

The opinion is generally expressed that M. Briand will retain in the new Cabinet most of his retiring colleagues. It is stated that he will invite M. Caillaux to take the Finance portfolio.

As regards the question of a majority in the Chamber of Deputies in support of the new Cabinet, a large number of the 221 Deputies who voted for the Government in the crucial division of March 6 met this afternoon and decided to constitute a permanent majority, which will probably be joined by those who abstained from voting on March 6.

Socialist Policy.

The Socialist group rejected a motion in favour of supporting the new Government. It adopted a resolution by a small majority declaring that the policy which the group is prepared to support, and which would include particularly financial reconstruction, can only be carried out by a majority based on the Radical Republican and Socialist Parties.

New Cabinet.

Paris, later.

The Premier, M. Briand, will retain the Foreign Ministry in the new Cabinet, which will include M. Raoul Peret, Finance; M. Malvy, Interior; M. Painleve, War; M. Laval, Justice; M. Leon Perrier, Colonies; and M. Lamoureux, Public Instruction. The last-named has up to now been Reporter-General to the Finance Committee of the Chamber of Deputies.

M. Briand returns to Geneva to-morrow night.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kashmir" left Shanghai for this port yesterday at 4 p.m. and is due here on March 12 at about 9 a.m.

The E. & A. s.s. "Arafura" left Manila for this port yesterday at p.m. with the outward Australian Mails, and is due here on March 12 at about 5 a.m.

The C.P. & N. s.s. "Empress of Canada" is due here at 11.30 a.m. to-morrow and will berth at Kowloon Wharf No. 5. She will leave for Manila at 5 p.m. on March 12 and is back here at 7 a.m. on March 13.

SCHOONER SHELLED.

PROTEST AGAINST CUTTER'S BOMBARDMENT.

CANADA TAKES ACTION.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Ottawa, March 9.

The Canadian Department of External Affairs has referred the case of the British schooner "Eastwood" to the British Embassy in Washington, where the owners have lodged a protest against the alleged action of the United States revenue cutter "Seneca" and the affidavits of the crew have been sent to the Embassy.

A message from Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, on February 20, stated:—The British schooner "Eastwood," commanded by Captain Spindler, has arrived with its decks, spars and hull splintered by shell fire. The Captain declares that the ship was bombarded by the United States revenue cutter "Seneca" twenty miles off the New Jersey coast and that 200 rounds were fired, 69 of which were direct hits. The crew state that the "Eastwood" had been off the New Jersey coast several days with a cargo of liquor under the surveillance of the "Seneca." American coastguard officials discredited Captain Spindler's statement.

BELGIAN FLIGHT.

BRUSSELS TO THE CONGO.

(Reuter's Service.)

Brussels, March 9.

The Belgian airmen Medaets and Verhaeghen, with the mechanic Coppens, left at seven o'clock this morning for Belgrade, in an attempt to fly to the Belgian Congo via Cairo and the Nile Valley.

IDLE LIST.

BRITISH FIGURES IMPROVING WEEKLY.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, March 9.

The official weekly return shows a further decrease of 18,600 in the number of unemployed.

In the last eight weeks the decline has amounted to over 145,000. The total figure, which is 1,107,000, is 128,500 less than a year ago.

EVE'S ACCOUNT.

GOOD HABIT DEVELOPED AT HOME.

Looking through my books (writes a banker in the London "Daily Mail"), I find that of a hundred private accounts taken at random women and girls are responsible for 42, whereas six years ago the percentage was 15. This does not mean that women now possess three times the wealth that was theirs in January, 1920, but it does prove that they have developed the banking habit.

Most of these accounts, which are fairly evenly distributed between married and single women, do not run into three figures. There was a time when the stranger who could not begin with a three-figure deposit was turned away, but there are few banks nowadays that despise small things.

To her intense surprise, our modern miss has discovered that her banker is not the dry-as-dust old stick she once pictured. Her now stands revealed more as a fairly godfather who pilots her through Europe with letters of credit, introductions, and advice.

This is money's overdrift season. Of the 42 fair financiers referred to a dozen have been allowed to overdraw their accounts, and another 15 have reduced their deposits to within a few pounds.

Why is the banker willing to allow Eve these generous advances? Probably the delighted winter sports girl neither knows nor cares; she is content to take it and be thankful. Actually it is all a matter of mutual confidence. Madam has entrusted her capital to the bank for one year, three years, five years, and has always been in funds. Why distrust her when she requires a little extra for her trip to Switzerland or Nice?

A few days or weeks, and the balance will be once more on the right side, for experience has taught the banker that women customers are honest as the day is long.

The banker watches his customer's account much as the meteorologist studies the thermometer. The rise and fall is registered, month by month, and if Eve's balance has been increasing steadily during eleven months of the year she will scarcely be denied the right to "leech" her when Alpine snow beckons her.

MINERS TRAPPED.

RESULT OF A DOUBLE EXPLOSION.

UNLUCKY "FIVE".

(Reuter's American Service.)

Blue Fields, March 9.

All except 15 of the entombed miners have been rescued, and two are known to be dead.

Those unaccounted for are trapped in No. 6 mine, where nearly 200 miners were killed in a similar explosion in 1914.

A New York cable published yesterday stated:—Reuter's correspondent at Blue Fields, West Virginia, states that a double explosion occurred in a mine near Eccles. Twenty-eight miners were entombed by the first shock and twenty by the second. Escaping gas prevents rescue work being carried out.

A COURT SMILE.

UNUSUAL APPLICATION FOR BAIL.

SOLICITOR'S DUAL ROLE.

"Acting for my friend I make an application for bail, and acting for myself I oppose it." This remark made by Mr. L. D. Turner raised a smile at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. Turner was appearing for the prosecution in a charge against a Chinese of theft of crude oil from the A.P.C. installation at North Point. He explained that Mr. C. A. S. Russ, who had been entrusted with the defence, was engaged elsewhere, and he (Mr. Turner) was therefore meeting the wishes of his friend in making the application.

The Magistrate (Mr. R. E. Lindell) disallowed bail on Sub-Inspector Field also offering opposition. Hearing of the case was fixed for Tuesday afternoon.

COFFIN OF GOLD.

WHERE DID EGYPTIANS GET IT?

Since the magnificent gold coffin of King Tut-ankh Amen was brought from the tomb at Luxor and deposited in the museum at Cairo it has been inspected by a large number of tourists, who have expressed surprise and admiration at the splendour of the relics.

The gold used in the coffin weighs 867, and the question forces itself on the mind as to where the ancient Egyptians obtained such lavish supplies of the precious metal as to be able to use so much of it even for the funeral obsequies of a god-king. There is little doubt that it was "Egyptian gold"—a term which is still popularly used to denote gold of special purity.

The coffin, or mummy-case, is indeed a gorgeous object, for it is not only beautifully chased with hieroglyphics and embossed with symbolic figures, but also bears the royal insignia of the ancient Egyptian Empire. It is at once obvious that the king must have been of almost child-like stature, for the mummy-case is only about 5 ft. long, being of the traditional form which follows the outline of the human figure.

PERFECT MODEL.

The first feature which strikes the spectator after recovering from the magnificence of the dazzling object itself, is the head and face, which are perfectly modelled in the likeness of the king. The eyes are missing, and the empty orbits lend an uncanny air to the otherwise life-like face, framed in the well-known head-dress which closely covered the head, leaving the ears clear, and hung down on either shoulder.

The arms are crossed, and in the hands, which emerge from the plain gold of the case, are the sceptres of Osiris, into whom each Pharaoh was absorbed in death. These are the crook and the flail. The crook is of gold with narrow bands of turquoise, and the thongs of the flail, three in number, consist of elongated beads alternating with smaller round ones of gold and some black material, perhaps onyx.

The golden mask which covered the head and shoulders of the mummy is in another case in the same room and is a counterpart of the head and shoulders of the mummy case, but its eyes and head are intact. It is a still more life-like appearance.

Critic: "You'll never have your name inscribed in the Hall of Fame."
Author: "Maybe not, but I should have people asking why it isn't there than asking why it is."

PHONE MAGPIES.

WOMEN THE CHIEF OFFENDERS.

CALL-BOX GOSSIP.

Complaints about the length of time that people, more especially women, spend over their calls in public telephone offices at home are becoming more and more frequent. A "Daily Mail" reporter who visited call offices at various main railway stations, and those at Piccadilly Circus Tube Station, found that it was not uncommon to see a queue of half a dozen or more persons outside the telephone boxes waiting to send urgent messages while women occupied the boxes for a long period.

Looking through the glass at these women, it was obvious that numbers of them were not engaged in serious conversation, but seemed rather to be gossiping with unseen friends. They were animated and smiling, and had, apparently, no idea that other people were anxiously waiting to use the telephone.

Impatient Men.

On the other hand, the faces of some of the men in the queues bore signs of ill-suppressed impatience. They evidently wanted to make pressing appointments or arrange sudden changes of plan, but they were immobilised and could do nothing but wait and shiver.

Everybody, of course, carries on irrelevant conversations at times—men just as much as women—but men seldom carry them on in public telephone boxes. Some women, however, without meaning any harm, seem to forget that a public box is not the same as their own private telephone.

Theoretically, nobody is supposed to occupy a box for more than three minutes per call, and not more than six minutes if others are waiting, but many women do not pay much regard to this rule. Certainly the Post Office does not. Even the three-minute allowance is, in most cases, longer than is really necessary. A message sent over a public telephone should be the counterpart of a telegram—brief to the point, and sent only because haste is essential.

PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

Per A. O. L. s. "Pres. Grant" on Mar. 9:—Mr and Mrs F. B. Arthur, Mrs A. T. Brent, Miss Jane Brent, (2) Mr J. E. Burke, Mrs P. K. Coons, Mr P. Clover, Prof. L. Fernandez, Mr and Mrs U. G. Frander, Mr and Mrs J. K. Gold, Mr E. O. Kallstrom, Mr and Mrs F. W. Peckard, Miss G. Reidinger, Mr and Mrs W. B. Strong, Mr and Mrs R. E. J. Summers, Mr W. E. Williams, Mr and Mrs F. Gerber, Mr and Mrs A. S. Machichau, Mr Rufino Martinez, Mr A. Rivera, Mr R. Rivera, Mrs A. F. Torrance, Mr W. S. Nelson, Mr H. S. Allen, Mrs R. O. Davis, Master B. Davis, Mr and Mrs K. Yabuki, Miss M. Yabuki, Miss K. Yabuki, Master M. Yabuki, Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Jefferson, Mr R. E. Manly, Mrs A. C. Kincome, Miss F. Kincome, Mrs C. R. Applegate, Mrs E. Blauvelt, Miss F. Dawsonport, Mr H. C. Rust, Mr C. A. Gunn, Mr Poon Chung, Y. Mr C. S. Rowe.

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The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high and low water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

March 10 to 16, 1926.

DATE	High Water	Lower Water
Time	Height	Height
Mar 10	7.30	1.10
Mar 11	8.15	1.00
Mar 12	9.00	0.90
Mar 13	9.45	0.80
Mar 14	10.30	0.70
Mar 15	11.15	0.60
Mar 16	12.00	0.50

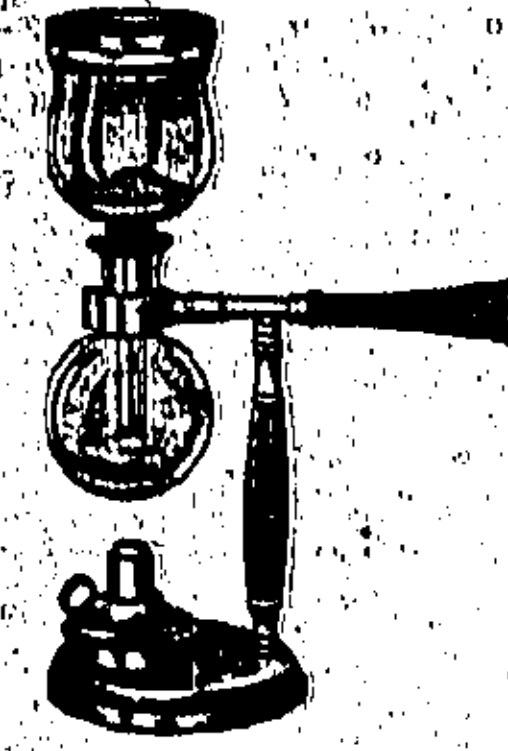
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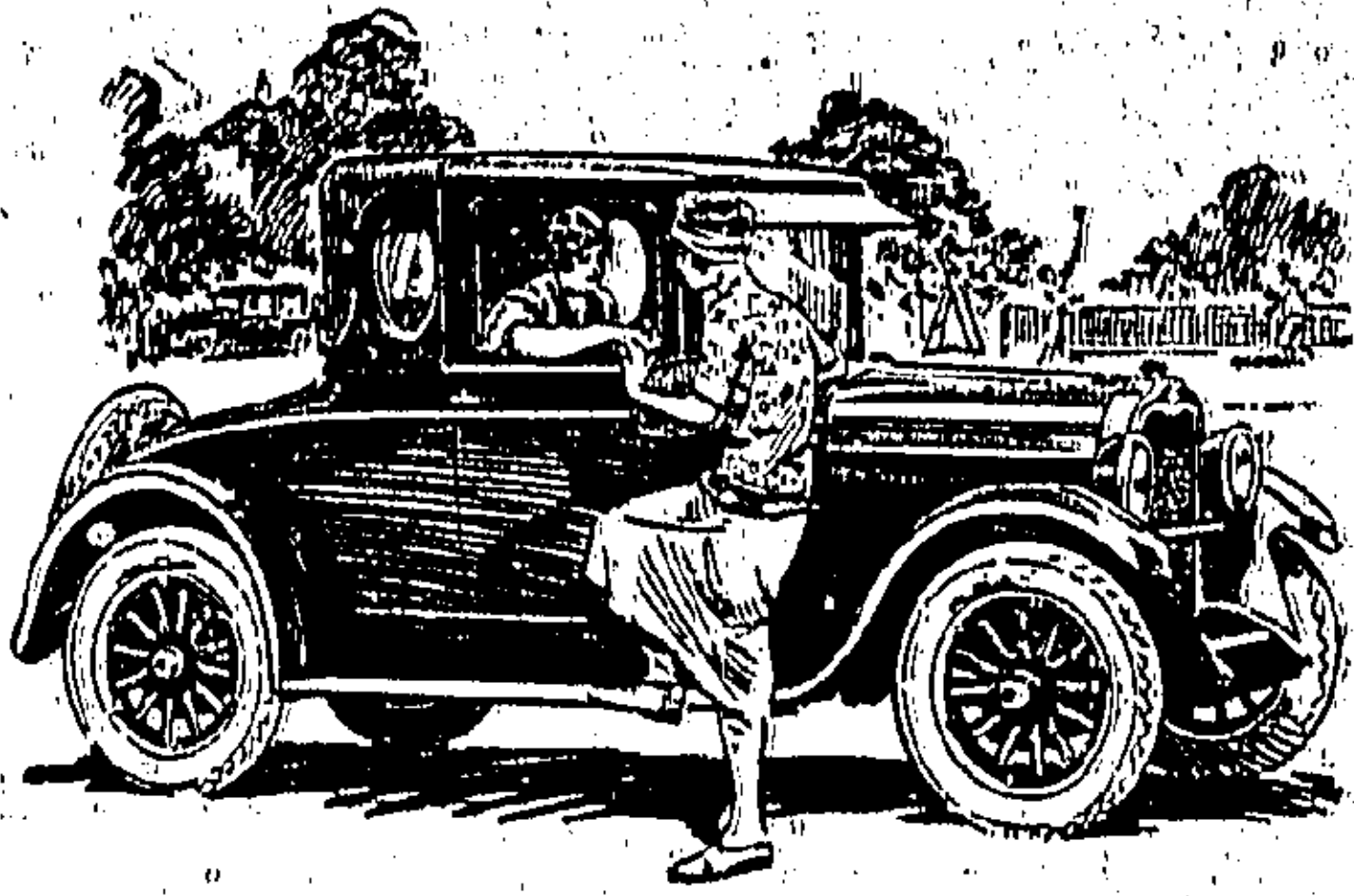


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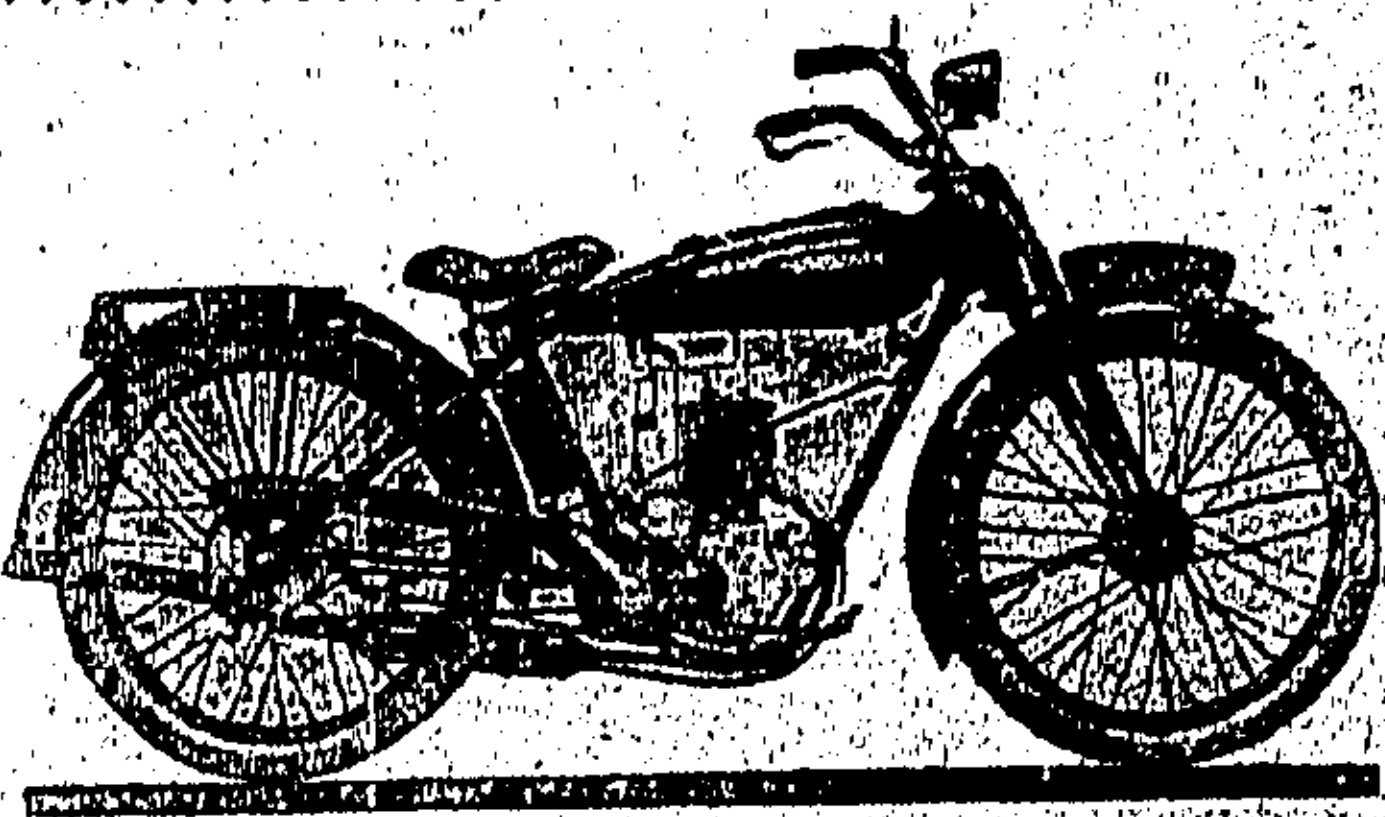
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong Rationist Association has been unavoidably postponed till 5.15 p.m. on March 24.

The Hongkong Jockey Club has fixed the following as the Provisional List of dates upon which Extra Meetings will be held this Season: April 3, May 1, June 5, October 2 and early November.

One pound and ten shilling treasure notes are among the novel bookmarks used—and forgotten—by a man who is a frequent borrower of books from one of Manchester's public libraries. Quite a large sum has been retrieved by the librarian to this absent-minded borrower.

A Chinese motor driver was fined \$25 for failing to keep to his own side of the road and a similar sum for dangerous driving. The prosecution was a sequel to a collision at Fanling in which a car driven by Mr. P. C. Potts was damaged to the extent of \$70. The question of compensation was postponed.

The Fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd., will be held in the Offices of Messrs. Shewan Tomes and Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 24th day of March, 1926, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1925, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

Some days ago ructions were reported in Sakai Japan over a girl of seven having been abducted and tattooed on her leg with a flower. Subsequent examination proves that it was not tattooing at all, merely marking with strong acid. Though the offenders are still at large, it is surmised that the marking was the result of superstition in connection with the Setsubun festival, which comes at the change of season. The mark is gradually disappearing, it would seem and is expected to be gone in a week.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The fifth concert in the Cathedral Hall, for the organ fund, will be held at 6 p.m. to-day. Tickets at one dollar.

Prof. J. L. Shellshear will deliver a lecture on "Cultural Systems of Borneo" to the Hongkong University Law Society tomorrow at 5 p.m. in the University Union Assembly Room.

The Chinese Government has bestowed upon Junkheer van Karnebeck, the Dutch Foreign Minister, the Grand Cross of the First Class of the Order of the Golden Rice Stalk, in aid with precious stones.

Mr. A. L. C. Fell, general manager of the London County Council tramways from 1903 to 1924, is to marry Miss Florence Ruby Wynn, of Redcar, Yorkshire, who for nearly three years nursed his first wife, for a long time an invalid.

Feeding thirteen Texas diamond rattlesnakes by forcing mice down their throats and bathing the reptiles with soap and water twice a week are the duties of Miss Grace Olive Wiley, curator of the museum of the Minnesota Academy of Natural Sciences here.

Mr. Seiji Noma, the Japanese "Magazine King," will come to Europe early in the New Year to study Western methods of publishing. He was formerly Secretary of the Law College of the Imperial University of Japan, and served for some time as Prefectural School Inspector. Rejected in his youth, for physical reasons, by the Tokyo Military Academy, this son of a famous swordsman determined to serve his country by teaching the youth of Japan to take a greater interest in education, sport, and oratory. Seventeen years ago, Mr. Seiji Noma founded the Society of Eloquence, there being at the time a perfect fever for debate among students, and published his first magazine, called, "Eloquence." Encouraged by the success of this venture, he went on to produce magazine after magazine, until he had covered a great field. He now has magazines, well-written and well-illustrated, devoted to the interests of women, of young girls, schoolboys, and many other sections of the Japanese public. His greatest is called "King." This has a circulation, remarkable in the Far East, of no fewer than 850,000 copies. When he comes to Europe, Mr. Seiji Noma will be in direct contact for the first time with the publishing world of the West.

The Diocesan Boys' School opened successfully, in their new buildings at Kowloon, on Monday, 230 boys answering the roll out of a total of over 800 on the register.

The Honorary Treasurer of the Shantung Road Hospital has acknowledged with thanks the sum of \$10,866.70 from the Stewards of the Shanghai Race Club. This sum was obtained from the Races held on January 1, 1926.

The American publishers of the Book announce that two weeks after the publication of A. S. M. Hutchinson's "One Increasing Purpose," it was the local best seller in Boston and Philadelphia, third best seller in Chicago, fourth in Baltimore and sixth in Brooklyn. Within another week it had moved to first place in Brooklyn, with corresponding strides in other cities.

The "President Jefferson," says the "Yushin," brought 3,000,000 eggs of the "white-fish" growing in Lake Winnipeg, in Canada, to Yokohama a few days ago, to the order of the Agriculture and Forestry Department. They were taken delivery of by an expert of the Department and are expected to be hatched in Lakes Chuzenji (Nikko), Kizaki (Nagano-ken) and Biwa. This fish is a very popular delicacy in Canada and America. In Japan it is hitherto unknown.

Shidzuoka and Yamanashi Prefectures have found a bone of contention in the exact location of the summit of Mount Fuji, in other words as to which of the prefectures should enjoy the distinction of possessing within its boundaries the mountain which the Japanese people come high to worshipping. The dispute is by no means new, but it has been revived with added virulence by the discovery of an old document which states that the summit is partly under the jurisdiction of a village on the Yamanashi side of the mountain. Both prefectures are getting their backs up again, just as they did 20 years ago, when the dispute fell through as neither side could bring conclusive evidence to bear in its favour.

Captain J. T. Walsh, manager of the Canadian Pacific Steamships in Montreal, is retiring from active duty with the company after having been a member of its staff for over 22 years. He is to be succeeded by Captain W. J. McGiffin, who is at the present marine superintendent of the company at Montreal in the summer and at Saint John, N.B., during the winter months.

The man who was largely responsible for the Dawes scheme of reparations, Sir Josiah Stamp, has now taken up his duties as President of the Executive of the London, Midland, and Scottish Railway. This is the latest development in a remarkable career. Sir Josiah started business life in the Inland Revenue, and there developed that mastery of figures and enormous knowledge of revenue and taxation problems which led him on to high Government posts and to the secretaryship of Nobel Industries. Even now he is only in his forty-seventh year, and the direction of the L.M.S. may not be the limit of his achievement, for he is a burly, bluff man who enjoys the best of health. Sir Josiah has denied the rumour that he is to receive £15,000 a year as the first railway president in Great Britain, but, whatever the figure may be, it is undoubtedly large, and no doubt every penny of it will be worthily earned.

Among the many anecdotes, from every possible source, that are being printed about the late Queen Alexandra, are few that do not testify to her having had an exceedingly good understanding. The literary and highly cultivated woman she owned as friends proves it, too. She could not have kept up such intimacies without congenial interchange of thought. Such of her letters as have been published show her to have been not at all the uninteresting woman she was assumed to be, all these years. Even in one of her funeral sermons an outspoken preacher went out of his way to say, "She was, of course, not a woman of mind." If all these anecdotes and personal friendships and letters regarding the late Queen Mother have any worth at all, she was of sound and appreciative intelligence far more than many another "Queen Mother" who is. "Intellectual," the truth is, this dull, stupid word, that beauty may help to carry, is not a woman of mind, but a woman of mind who is anything but ugly.

Repairs to the fog-gun at Sampanshow Lighthouse (Canton River) have been effected, and the gun is now functioning as before, says the Canton acting Harbour Master.

In order to give physical training to students the Burmah Government have sanctioned the securing by the Education Department of the services of the Physical Director of the Y.M.C.A., Rangoon, for a further period of one year from April 6, 1926, on payment of an annual grant of Rs. 6,000 to the Association.

Tests made, not by test-tasters, show that both typists and composers produce more and more correct work when they have not had a drink of intoxicant than other individuals, or indeed the same individuals who have imbibed a small quantity of alcohol, but the latter imagine that they have done more and done it more correctly than under more abstemious conditions, said Sir Arthur Newsholme in a recent speech.

The negotiations for the acquisition of a site at St. Helens for the establishment of an artificial silk factory have been completed, and ratification terms are likely to be signed shortly. An English firm has agreed to purchase the old Sutton Glassworks of Messrs. Pilkington Bros., and it is stated that employment will be found for about 3,000 men and women, whose number might in time be increased to 5,000.

A success for the F.M.S. is announced in the results just published of the December, 1925, competitions of the Siam-Dupuyan Shorthand Society (headquarters, Ramsgate, England). Entries were received from all parts of the Empire, a total of 16 medals being awarded. The Silver Medal in Class II for the best paper in reporting style was won by Mr. R. P. Lourdes, "Malay Mail" offices, of Kuala Lumpur. We understand that Mr. Lourdes is a self-taught student, so that this result is all the more creditable to him.

The Ceylon Legislative Council has agreed to the Government recommending to the Secretary of State the creation of a permanent pensionable post of Medical Entomologist, in the Medical and Sanitary Services of the Colony, and if Mr. E. C. Carter, the Malarialogist, is appointed, the salary will be £1,000 per annum.

Anastasio A. Silvestre of the office of Speaker Roxas, has been declared victor in the typewriting contest, at the Manila Carnival auditorium, February 7, according to an announcement of the board of judges. He made 12,365 strokes, wrote 2,473 words, committed 29 errors and under the rules made an average speed of 73 words a minute.

Sinclair Lewis, author, caused a stir at a meeting of the trustees of Lincoln and Lee University at Kansas City when he said "damn," with two Methodist Bishops as hearers. "You will need the spirit of yells and God a damn sight more than you need money," was his advice. While some trustees seemed offended at the language, neither Bishop E. L. Waldorf nor Bishop W. E. McMurray showed alarm.

President Coolidge smashed a tradition and laughed out loud when asked to comment on the controversy over George Washington's morals, raging as the result of statements made by Rupert Hughes, the novelist. "I am asked to comment on George Washington," the President said. Turning to the south window of his office, where the view of the Washington Monument was obtainable, the President, still smiling remarked: "Well, all I can say is the monument still stands."

After interviewing nearly 200 girls in a vain search for a typical English beauty, Mr. Clifford Whitley, of the Midnight Folies, decided to explore the London shops. He was passing through the ribbon department of Messrs. Selfridge's when he saw behind the counter a girl whom he considered was a perfect type. He approached the management and explained the object of his search. Mr. Selfridge immediately agreed to release the girl, whose name is Miss Prudence Wise, to appear in the Midnight Folies. Arrangements have been made for Miss Wise, who is a farmer's daughter from Cambridge, to appear in the fashion salons at Selfridge's as well as in the Folies show.

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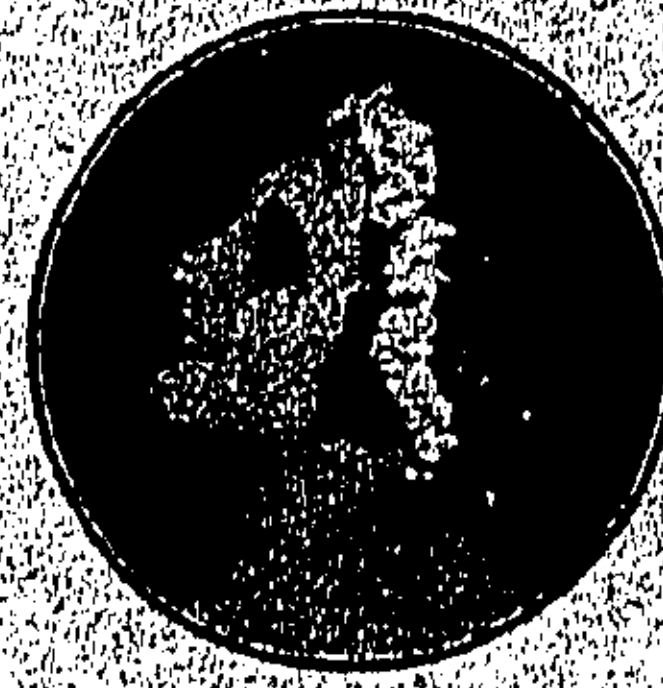
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DAVIS CUP.

ENTRIES IN AMERICAN ZONE.

THIS YEAR'S STRUGGLE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, March 9.

Japan, Cuba and Mexico have cabled their intention of participating in the Davis Cup lawn tennis competition this year, in the American zone.

Countries enter for either the American or European zone in the Davis Cup, this dividing-up being to reduce travelling and thereby enable the greatest number to compete. In recent years, the winners in each zone played off for the right of meeting the holders (America) in the challenge round. The Davis Cup was presented for international lawn tennis, each tie comprising four singles and one doubles match.

COUNTRY MEET.

EASTER MONDAY'S RACE PROGRAMME.

TIMES AND EVENTS.

As stated in yesterday's issue, the Fanning Hunt will hold their second steeplechase meeting at the Kwai Lee race course, near Fanning (New Territories), on April 5 (Easter Monday). The programme is:

Race 1 (12 noon).—Causeway Bay Handicap. For bona fide ponies; bottom weight 145 lbs.; about 1 1/2 miles; entrance \$5.

Race 2 (12.45 p.m.).—Open Light Weight Race. Catch weight 150 lbs.; previous winners of Open Light Weight and Fanning National 10 lbs. penalty; about 2 miles; entrance \$5.

Race 3 (2.30 p.m.).—Open Heavy Weight Race. Catch weight 155 lbs.; previous winners of Fanning National 10 lbs. penalty; about 2 miles; entrance \$5.

Race 4 (3.15 p.m.).—Hunt Steeplechase Handicap. Open to subscribers of Fanning Hounds; bottom weight 145 lbs.; about 2 miles; entrance \$5.

Race 5 (4 p.m.).—United Services Race. Open to the Navy, Army and H.K. Volunteer Defence Corps; winner of any previous steeplechase 7 lbs. penalty; about 1 1/2 miles; catch weight 160 lbs.; entrance \$5.

[In all races, jockeys who have not won more than five flat races and/or steeplechases, allowed 5 lbs.]

Entry forms from the Joint Master, Dr. F. Pierce Grove, Alexandra Building. Entries close noon, Friday, March 26.

FATHER v. SON.

H.K.C.C. LAWN TENNIS FEATURE.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

By winning his tie in the Club championship (singles) yesterday, D. S. Green will now have to meet his father, S.E. ("Sammy") Green, in the next round of the H.K.C.C. tournament.

Only one "open" match was played, full results being:—Open singles (first round).—Yew Man-kit beat W. J. Howard 7-5, 6-2, 6-4.

Club championship (second round, bye).—D. S. Green beat T. C. Monaghan 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

Handicap singles "A" (first round).—B. D. Evans (owe 1/6) beat Major W. W. Pratt (rec. 1/6) 6-3, 4-3, 7-5. G. W. Sewell (owe 1/6) beat Lt. T. C. Hampton (rec. 1/6) 6-4, 6-3.

Handicap singles "B" (first round).—R. L. Monieroff (rec. 15/2) beat P. E. Barker (rec. 15) 6-4, 6-3. W. M. Lyons (owe 15/2) beat J. W. Franks (rec. 8/8) 6-1, 6-2.

Handicap Doubles (second round, bye).—L. Baines and R. E. Coxon (owe 3/6) beat T. D. E. Pendered and W. A. Nowers (owe 3/6) 2-6, 8-6, 7-5.

HAPPY VALLEY GOLF.

The final of the Adamson Cup (1925) in the Royal Hongkong Golf Club was played at Happy Valley last Sunday. J. Stewart (15) beat C. A. Grimes (24) by 2 up and 1 to play.

AMATEURS DEFEAT.

(Reuter's American Service.)

St. Petersburg (Fa), March 9. In a 72-hole golf match, for the unofficial American championship, Walter Hagen (professional) beat Bobby Jones (amateur) by 12 up and 11 to play.

TOO HEAVY.

BRITISH BOXER IN AMERICA.

GIVING UP TITLE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, March 9.

Tommy Milligan, the British welterweight boxer, has voluntarily forfeited his right to meet Mickey Walker for the world's welterweight championship owing to inability to make the weight.



MICKEY WALKER

His manager states that Milligan is likewise renouncing the welterweight championship of Europe, confining himself to the middleweight class.

HOME SOCCER.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE, FIRST DIVISION.

CELTIC STILL ON TOP.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 9.

In Division I of the Scottish Football League to-day, Celtic defeated St. Mirren by 6 goals to 1.

KOWLOON GOLF.

CLUB'S SECOND ANNUAL MEETING.

For presentation to the second annual meeting on March 31 at the Central British School, the report of the Kowloon Golf Club shows that there are 159 ordinary members and the total membership is 178.

The committee regrets to record the deaths of three members during the year, Messrs. T. Meek, J. H. Kynoch and J. H. Oxberry.

The profit for the year is \$1,119.43.

At the meeting alterations in the articles of association will be proposed. One is a suggested alteration of membership, making it open to "resident" and "sea-going" members.

"Sea-going" members being officers and men of the Royal Navy, and Mercantile Marine.

THE "ASHES."

FINDING A WINNING TEST TEAM.

WHAT WE SHOULD DO.

(By E. J. T. Bosanquet in the "Daily Mail.")

With the selection of the Australian team to visit us next year one's thoughts turn inevitably to the composition of our own side.

It is to be hoped that the selection will receive early consideration and not be left to the last moment. It is to be hoped also that the team will be given a chance to play together before the first Test.

The Australian side strikes one as unusually weak in bowling, so if we can get together our best talent—particularly our best batting side—we should be able to face the issue with some confidence.

We must remember, however, that the Australians have a knack of developing unexpected bowling talent, witness Laver in 1905 and Armstrong in 1921.

Now for our team. First we must have a captain. With all deference to Gilligan, there are only two possible candidates for this position—Carr and Fender, and the indications are that Carr will be selected. In that case, I hope he will be nominated for the whole series and be a selector.

Of the batsmen, Hobbs, Sutcliffe, Holmes, and Woolley would appear to be the most likely, though I would prefer Henderson to Sutcliffe as a quick scorer and a slip fielder.

Now I come to the one essential point if we are to be successful. We must eliminate any suspicion of a tail. Everyone on the side must be a good batsman. (The Australians won and we lost the last rubber entirely because their last few men consistently made runs and ours did not.)

Fortunately our best two bowlers can both bat. We can safely choose Tate and Macaulay, backed by Kilner.

A fast bowler is the next consideration, and the only possible candidate would appear to be Larwood, of Nottinghamshire. We now want another bowler and a wicket-keeper.

We cannot afford to play Strudwick, and it is time we found some young successor to him. I would suggest playing the best wicket-keeper available who strikes batting form early next year. M. D. Lyon and Smith appear to be possibilities.

We want a slow bowler—one who can bat. I should like to see Astill given a trial. Our team would then be: Carr, Lyon, Hobbs, Sutcliffe (or Henderson), Holmes, Woolley, Kilner, Tate, Macaulay, Larwood, and Astill, and I think this would be very nearly the side for the first match.

The slip fielding is the weak spot. The batting is very strong, and the bowling adequate. Of the others, Sandham, Hallows, Root, and Parker (on a wet wicket) may have the first claims, with E. R. T. Holmes, Duleep-Singhi, and Hammond as our young hopefuls.

In a wet season, we could, I believe, make sure of winning by playing Barnes, but... The selectors should be Carr (or Fender), Hobbs, and Leveson-Cower.

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ART RIDDLE.

SEARCH FOR 500 YEARS SECRET.

UNFADING COLOURS.

The attention of a Royal Academy Committee is being directed towards the solution of one of the most baffling riddles in the history of Art.

They are endeavouring to discover the lost secret by which the famous 15th-century Flemish painters, the brothers Hubert and Jan van Eyck, obtained for their colours such a permanency that their pictures are to-day almost as fresh and bright as when they were painted 500 years ago.

Hubert van Eyck's pictures are among the rarest in the world. The National Gallery does not possess a single specimen of his work. His masterpiece is the "Adoration of the Lamb," which is in the Cathedral of St. Bavon, Ghent, and which is supposed to have been finished off after his death by his younger brother Jan.

No Brush Marks. This celebrated painting is as bright in hue as if it had been painted only a few months ago.

The equally famous Jan van Eyck is represented in the National Gallery by several fine specimens, including his masterpiece, "Jean Arnolfini and his Wife"—a magnificent specimen of the oil technique of the Van Eycks.

The medium used by the brothers appears to have been partly oil and partly a resinous varnish. The colours were evidently mixed to a very liquid consistency and applied with soft-haired brushes that left no brush-marks. When dry, the surface of the painting was hard, smooth, and glossy. One reason why these five-hundred-year-old paintings are in such perfect condition is that the smooth, almost polished, surface afforded no lodgment for dirt.

But the real secret lies in the ingredients of the medium and the method of mixing, and that secret died with the brothers.

A few days ago an analytical chemist who is in consultation with the Academy Committee spent a long while at the National Gallery closely examining the Jan van Eyck pictures and comparing their surface with that of other more or less contemporary pictures by other artists, which have darkened considerably in the process of time.

It is the action of minute sulphurous particles in the air that, in the course of years, destroys the brilliance of colours in oil paintings.

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NEXT WAR.

GERMAN POISON EXPERT'S REVELATIONS.

ANTIDOTES FOR GAS.

Since the end of the world war, in which the appalling effects of the use of poison gas were so horribly demonstrated, it has been repeatedly predicted that as the result of continued research and the discovery of more potent gases, the next war would be virtually one of annihilation.

Quite the opposite view, however, has been expressed by the man who organised Germany's gas campaign. For reasons which he states, he holds that the next war will be most humane on record, and that the death rate from gas will be nil.

The "Observer's" Berlin correspondent states that Professor Julius Meyer, who organised the German gas attacks in wartime, has written "The Devil's Cookery Book," in which he reveals the composition of the German poison gases.

Nevertheless, the professor suggests that the next war, whenever it occurs, will be the most humane, not the most terrible, on record. He asserts that there is no danger of aerial gas bombardments causing terrible losses, owing to the anti-aircraft measures that will be taken, and the impossibility of obtaining the intensity of the fumes from the long range at which aeroplanes would be compelled to operate. Gas warfare, he says, should be the safest, because of the possibility of equipping troops with chemical antidotes to resist the most dangerous gases until only temporary disablement is likely, from which they would recover as speedily as patients do from anaesthetics. The death rate would be nil.

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LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, MARCH 10, 1926, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange	Foreign Sharebrokers Association	Share & Real Estate
T.T. on London	2 1/2 3/8	2 1/2 3/8	2 3/8
T.T. on Shanghai	75	75	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	103 1/2 b. & sa.	103 1/2 b.	\$103 1/2 b.
do. London	42 1/2 n.	42 1/2 n.	42 1/2 n.
Chartered Bank	43 1/2 n.	43 1/2 n.	43 1/2 n.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	43 1/2 n.	43 1/2 n.	43 1/2 n.
do. "C"	43 1/2 n.	43 1/2 n.	43 1/2 n.
P. & O. Bank	43 1/2 n.	43 1/2 n.	43 1/2 n.
Bank of East Asia	43 1/2 n.	43 1/2 n.	43 1/2 n.
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	600 b.	600 b.	\$600 s.
China Underwriters	13 1/2 n.	13 1/2 n.	13 1/2 n.
North China Insurance	145 n.	140 n.	140 n.
Union Insurance	280 b. 282 s.	280 b. & sa.	280 b.
Yangtze Insurance	44 1/2 b.	44 b.	44 b.
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	165 b.	165 b.	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	545 b. & sa.	540 b.	530 b.
Shipping.			
Douglases	30 n.	25 b.	26 n.
Hongkong Steamboats	23 1/2 n.	23 1/2 sa.	24 b.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	24 n.	4 n.	24 b.
Indo-China (Pref.)	38 n.	30 n.	37 n.
do. (Def.) Ltd.	40 n.	—	45 s.
do. () Hk.	—	45 n.	—
Oriental Navigation	250 n.	250 n.	—
Shell Transport	90 1/2 b.	96 n.	—
Star Ferries	63 1/2 b. 64 1/2 sa.	63 1/2 b. 64 sa.	62 b.
Water-boats	15 b. 15 sa.	15 n.	15 1/2 b.
Refineries.			
China Sugars	27 b. 27 1/2 sa.	27 b.	28 1/2 b.
Malayan Sugars	39 n.	35 n.	50 n.
Mining.			
Benguet	1 1/2 n.	—	—
Kallian Mining Ad.	42 1/2 b.	42 1/2 n.	47 1/2 n.
Langkats (Combined)	23 b.	23 b.	7 3/8 b.
do. (Single)	11 b.	11 b.	—
Shanghai Exploration	5 n.	5 n.	—
Shanghai Loan	7 n.	7 n.	—
Rauha	35 b.	35 b.	6 s.
Tronoh Mines	55 b.	55 b.	—
Ural Caspian	8 n.	—	—
Docks, Wharves Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$128 s.	128 b.	\$125 b.
H.K. & W. Docks	61 b. & sa.	61 b.	60 b.
Hongkows	T165 b.	—	165 b.
New Engineerings	5 b.	T5 1/2 b.	6 1/2 s.
Shanghai Docks	94 1/2 b.	95 b.	100 s.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	10 b.	—	10 b. & sa.
do. (new)	—	10 sa.	10 b. & sa.
Hongkong Lands	64 1/2 b. 65 sa.	66 b.	63 1/2 n.
H.K. Realty	5 b. & sa.	42 s.	5 s.
H.K. Territorials	54 s.	6 s.	6 s.
Humphreys Estates	14 b.	14 b.	14 b.
Princes Building	120 s.	110 s.	—
Rural Lands	7 n.	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Erwo Cottons	T9 1/4 b.	T9.10. b.	T9 b.
Oriental	3 n.	2 1/4 b.	3 s.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	54 b.	54 s.	55 s.
do. (new)	28 b.	27 s.	27 n.
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ice	\$7 1/2 n.	\$7 s.	\$7 s.
Cements (comb.)	16 1/2 b.	16 1/2 b. & sa.	16 b. 16 1/2 sa.
do. (old)	13 1/2 b.	13 1/2 b.	13 1/2 b.
do. (new)	3 b.	3 b.	3 b.
China Buses	T10 1/2 b.	21 b.	21 b.
China Lights (comb.)	21 b.	15 b.	21 1/2 b.
do. (old)	15 b.	12 b.	16 b.
do. (new)	12 1/2 b.	—	12 b.
China Prov. (comb.)	8 1/4 b.	8 b.	8 1/2 b. & sa.
do. (old)	—	—	—
do. (new)	—	—	—
Dairy Farms	19 b.	19 b. 19 1/2 sa.	16 1/2 b.
Der A Wing (full pd.)	10 n.	8 s.	—
do. (part. pd.)	—	—	—
Hongkong Amusements	11 1/4 b. 12 sa.	11 1/2 b.	—
H.K. Constructions	3 n.	3 b.	4 s.
Hongkong Electric	61 b. 61 1/2 sa.	61 1/2 b. & sa.	61 b.
H.K. Developments	25 cts. n.	24 cts. b.	25 cts. b.
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	35 s.	—	35 s.
do. (old)	12 n.	12 1/2 s.	12 s.
do. (new)	7 n.	8 1/2 s.	8 1/2 n.
Hongkong Tramways	24.80 b. 25 sa.	24.94 b. 25/2	24.94 b. 24 1/2 sa.
Lane Crawford	11 n.	11 s. 25.20 sa.	12 s. 13 sa.
Macao Electric	40 n.	—	—
Macintosh	21 1/2 n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	16 1/2 n.	12 1/4 b.	16 b.
Peak Trams (old)	7 b.	8 n.	9 s.
do. (new)	11 s.	9 1/4 b.	10 1/4 b.
Sinceres	—	8 n.	—
Singapore Trams	—	3 b.	2 1/4 b.
Taxis	20 n.	—	—
United Asbestos	—	600 n.	—
do. (Founders)	—	18 n.	—
do. (Ordinary)	—	10 b. & sa.	12 n.
Watsons (old)	12 n.	—	—
do. (new)	12 n.	—	—
Wm. Powells	10 n.	9 1/2 s.	11 s.
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People and Events in the News of the World



Solemn pontifical mass was held in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, for the late Queen Mother, Margherita of Italy. Thousands of Italian-Americans and public officials attended.



Mrs. Ellen Mackay Berlin, the multi-millionaire's daughter who recently eloped with Irving Berlin, wirelessly to her husband's sister-in-law from the "Leviathan" that she had completed a play for her.



The timely return to home of Thomas O'Neill, a war veteran, saved his four children, ranging from one to eight years of age, from death by asphyxiation. Gas was escaping and they were unconscious when their father rescued them.



Despite charges that he was being "railroaded," William Ordway Partridge, the distinguished sculptor, was taken to a hospital for the insane. He says that enemies are plotting to obtain control of his estate.



Charles Garland, the eccentric American millionaire, has been arrested in connection with an investigation of his April Farm Colony. Garland and his wife have been living apart for some time.



Although Thomas Nash has been piloting big ships in and out of Queenstown, Ireland, for 32 years, he has just crossed the Atlantic for the first time. He was an unwilling passenger on the "Franconia." After piloting it out of the harbour it was too rough for him to return on the pilot boat.



Otis A. Poole, a tea buyer, has made his eightieth voyage across the Pacific. Representative John W. Langley, Kentucky, has resigned from the U.S. Congress after the Supreme Court had refused to review his conviction on a liquor charge. Jannadas Mehta presided over the third all-India Spiritualistic Conference at Cawnpore. Stephen Boudreau set up a new record when he dived 8,600 feet from an aeroplane, opening his parachute just 1,000 feet above the ground.



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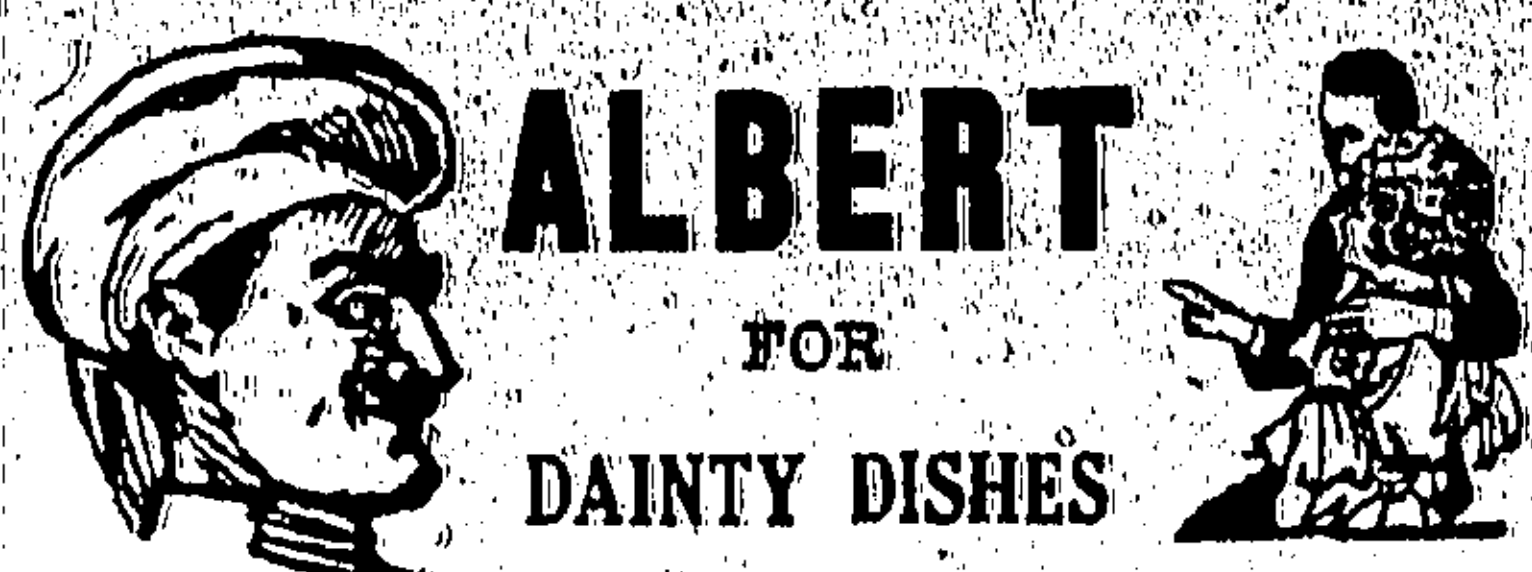
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Originality in Jewellery.

Novelty and originality of design are marked features of modern Jewellery. This is because of the recognition given to quasi-precious stones, and to imitations and "reproductions" of real gems, which are not very costly to assemble or to buy. Cable chain bracelets are one of the successes of the moment, usually in gold, though some women prefer them in silver or, if their purse is a long one, in platinum. Another pretty type is the "blossom" variety carried out all in platinum, or in platinum set with small stones. Necklaces with a big and a small bead-alternating are carried out in white and black pearls, crystal and rose-quartz, crystal and lapis lazuli, crystal and jet, and many other alliances. "The bright brown, clear amber is quite a lot in request," a West End Jeweller said. "It is now more sought after than the pale, cloudy kind." Both varieties are often picked out with tiny brilliants in the making of brooches, umbrella tops, pendants, cigarette-holders, and the like. Necklaces of the humbler stone, cornelian, becoming to most complexions, are to be seen in abundance. Of other stones that radiate orange, yellow, and red, the Mexican fire opal is much prized and has many admirers. The Sea of Mystery.

No part of the world has perhaps been draped in such mystery, or has had such gruesome tales attached to it as the Sargasso Sea, that region of the North Atlantic stretching from the Gulf of Mexico north and eastwards past Florida almost to the Azores. Legend vested it with long-lost ships stuck so fast in the floating weed which forms "a vast tract of what is almost land" that escape was impossible, their crews perishing miserably among generations of craft lying rotting in the dense entanglement of marine vegetation, never to be seen again by man. No storm, it was said, ever dissipated this impenetrable aquatic jungle (says Sir Kenneth Mackenzie). Nor was the weed its only horror, for it was believed to be the haunt of marine monsters long since extinct in other parts. An interesting paper contributed recently to the Royal Geographical Society by Capt. C. C. Dixon clearly shows how mythical the "mystery" of the Sargasso Sea really is. Capt. Dixon, who has crossed this sea 22 times in sailing ships and 7 times in steamers, states: "The Weed is never anywhere sufficiently dense to prevent or impede to any appreciable extent the passage of any vessel, not even a rowing boat." I have also made over thirty passages through it and I have never seen the "Gulf weed," of which it is composed any thicker than a "scum" on the surface.

Cock-fighting in Florida.

Florida, which now rivals Monte Carlo as a gambling resort, has revived the ancient sport of cock-fighting for the amusement of its plutocratic hosts of pleasure seekers. "Cock-fighting week" opened somewhere near Orlando when a thousand men and women, many of them well-known figures in New York, watched 50 game-cocks battle in a pit. Owners of the winning birds divided \$2,000 in prizes.

Under Water.

Snapshot photographs taken under water are now being used for the study of the rolling of ships. Ship designers have photographs taken of the motion of the model hulls in special experimental tanks. This method of taking under-water snapshots has been designed by a Japanese, who explodes a thread of mercury in the water and produces a brilliant flash of light lasting for a fraction of a second. The mercury is enclosed in a very narrow glass tube and sealed up. The tube is placed under the water, and when an electric current is applied to it it bursts with an intense flash of light sufficient for the under-water camera.

A Pioneer Woman.

A brilliant and adventurous career was closed by the death, at Nice recently, of Dr. Lillias Hamilton, who was for some years physician to the Court of the late Ameer of Afghanistan. Born in New South Wales of an ancient Scottish line, the Hamiltons of Sundrum, Ayrshire, she was educated at Cheltenham College, took up medicine (a very bold thing for a woman to do in those days), and went to Calcutta, where she established a large practice. While recovering from an attack of fever, she heard from the Agent to the Government of Afghanistan that the Ameer was anxious to find an English lady who would visit Kabul and show his wives and daughters the customs and interests of English women. They had never seen an Englishwoman. "So you see," Dr. Hamilton used to say, "I really went to Kabul as a lady specimen, and not as a doctor." She started attending to the medical needs of the inhabitants with such success that the Ameer, suffering acutely from gout, sent for her services. She relieved him, and her instalment as his medical adviser followed. After returning to Europe, and practising successfully in London, she spent some time farming on South Africa, but in 1908 she became Warden of Studley Horticultural College for Women, which she raised to the rank of one of the two premier training schools of horticulture for women.

Richest 100 Square Yards.

A correspondent refers to "The Daily Mail" the old question, rendered new by the disturbance in values made by the war: "Which is the most wealthy hundred square yards in the world?" A reply states: "Surely the contest to-day resolves itself into one between the site of the new U.S. Assay Office in Wall Street, New York, with its fluctuating three thousand million dollars of gold bullion and coin, too precious to take its place as currency in this world of inflated paper, and the Bank of England, which still remains the financial centre of the world. If, however, the question refers to rental and rateable value, then there can be no question that Wall Street is far and away the containing area of the most valuable hundred square yards in the world."

Lockjaw Cure Claim.

Lockjaw, or tetanus, has been conquered at last, thanks to the patient work of two young scientists, Doctors Ramon and Zeiler, and the Pasteur Institute of Paris, which is said already to have saved more lives than were lost in the Great War, has another victory to record in its persistent fight against disease. The young men who are working in this Pasteur Institute, in which are tubes of bacilli sufficient to wipe out half a nation, take big risks in their daily handling of slender test tubes filled with invisible death, but they go on, "asking questions of nature" until they get an answer. So Doctors Ramon and Zeiler, concentrating on dangerous experiments with the microbe of tetanus, finally discovered a serum which will render man immune to all attacks of the germs which killed thousands of soldiers during the war by infecting their wounds as they lay in the mud of the battlefields. A hundred and seventy men who were believed to be infected with lock-jaw, and so doomed to almost certain death, have recovered after a dose of the serum. So far as the scientists have been able to discover, these men are for ever immune.

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